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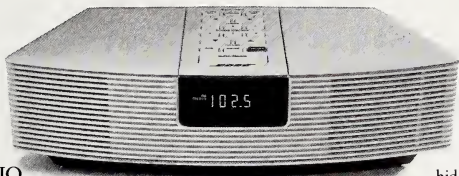
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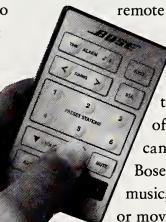
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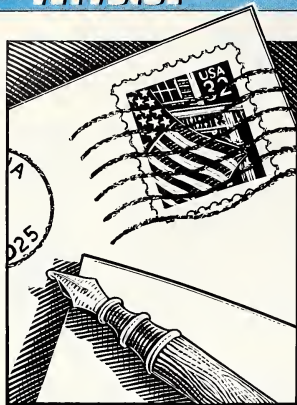
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His life was put in harm's way more than most veterans. I remember Christmas 1968 at Dong Tam, Vietnam. Hope was on stage when a helicopter gunship made a hot run approximately a quarter of a mile from our perimeter. Hope stopped, made an appropriate quip and kept on rolling. How many veterans do you think would make the pilgrimage to Arlington to pay their last respects to this true American hero?

Allen Sosdian
Lynchburg, Virginia

BOB Hope was scheduled to put on a show at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, in 1943. Bob was delayed, and everyone expected that his show would be curtailed accordingly. No way! It went on full time well after midnight. A great American? What else?

Malcolm Evans
Greensboro, North Carolina

I ENJOYED your wonderful articles on Bob Hope. It brought back some great memories because he gave us all a little touch of home during World War II. I recall encountering him on

the street in Germany and saying, "Hello, Bob."

He replied, "Hello, tourist." He was right. I was with the Third Army, and we were going through countries so fast, it was almost like being a tourist.

Hy Rosenfeld
Phoenix, Arizona

THANKS for your thoughtful cover story on Bob Hope. Every GI will remember him as long as he lives and as long as they live. He deserves to be made the GI of all time. Hope's laughter was the best medicine known.

John Harrison
Helena, Montana

A SEASON of Hope" was a fine tribute to a great American, Bob Hope. I was a Marine who watched the 1966 Christmas show in Da Nang, Vietnam. Anita Bryant was entertaining us at this show, and for almost 30 years, I told my wife that I would thank Ms. Bryant if ever given the opportunity. On Sept. 19, 1996, my wife and I attended a performance at the Anita Bryant Theatre in Bran-

son, Missouri. After the show, my dream came true. I got to thank her for the Christmas show.

Gary Tiegen
Redwood Falls, Minnesota

THERE was a bittersweet quality to find the articles about Bob Hope. On one hand, we are reminded that this extraordinary man is now in his ninth decade; on the other, we are also reminded that no major figure in the American entertainment business has yet to step forward to take his place. Perhaps we can help perpetuate what Hope started by writing to the likes of Jay Leno, Billy Crystal, Billy Murray or Robin Williams, and ask them to volunteer for troop entertainment duty as Hope did for so many years.

James D. Storozuk
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Long Distance Charge

AS long as the United States will accept the total responsibility for the atrocities of the aggressor, can we expect any support from other countries? Why should they place themselves in line with the assured retaliation of a terrorist administration?

Certainly some of the other countries in closer proximity to the problem face a more immediate threat of receiving an aggressive act from Iraq than we are.

Why not condition our assistance upon their resolve to help themselves? If only we would use the field of humanities in our decision-making and place emphasis on what will work and how it will affect the United States, we might expect to survive. If we expect to expand NATO, we must place more emphasis on cooperation in place of the macho illusion.

Fred Molzhon
Hampton, Virginia

Don't Call Us....

GOOD Enough for Civilian Work" was right on. After a career as an enlisted man in the Navy, I faced this same situation. As an aircraft engine mechanic, I had not been trained in all aspects that the FAA asked of their licensed mechanics.

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Although I could ace the engine questions, I was not up to standard on the airframe or general parts. I had to seek civilian courses to obtain my FAA license.

I recommend that the services become partners with local junior colleges, which could cover the subjects not addressed by the services.

*Jon A. Witmer
Memphis, Tennessee*

THAT very situation you cited in "Good Enough For Civilian Work" happened to me. I was in the Army Air Corps in World War II as a crew chief on B-25 bombers. From my experience, I thought I had a good chance of getting a job with an airline. I was wrong.

I was told I needed an airplane and engine license. But if I was still interested in being with the airline, I could probably get a job as a cargo handler. I would not work under those conditions. I sincerely hope that some system of certification will result, indicating that their qualifications are equal to or better than any private schooling.

*G.J. White
Valparaiso, Indiana*

GOOD Enough for Civilian Work" was all wet. The FAA does in fact have a manual to compare jobs in the civil aviation maintenance area to the military. I have sent many vets to the local FAA office. I was a teacher at an FAA A&P school for over 20 years and know that for a fact.

The man in the story might have worked on *Air Force One*, but he was probably working in one area such as the power plants. This does not qualify him to work airframe items. I was a designated mechanic examiner for the FAA to give practical tests to people after they passed the written test. I found that few vets who worked on powerplants in the service knew how to perform airframe jobs.

*Tony Murrello
St. Lawrence, New York*

SUPERB article in the December issue ("Good Enough For Civilian Work"). It is true that the services are doing good work toward civilian interface in some areas such as education—Community College of the Air Force for example. However, all it

takes is a bureaucratic decision or two to destroy a lot of great work.

I do some work for a private investigating firm. In verifying education claims by applicants, I have only had two institutions refuse to cooperate—one, a high school in Texas, the other CCAF. The colonel was adamant that they would not confirm hours, courses completed or degrees due to the privacy act. While I'm not sure what a human resources specialist would do in these situations, I would not think much preference was given to a veteran whose report stated, "Institution would not confirm award of degree or hours completed."

*Ed Gunter
McQueeney, Texas*

Well Served

MY sincere thanks for publishing "They Also Served" by Julie A. Rhoad in the January issue. As a veteran of the World War II WAC and a charter member of WIMSA, I will keep the article as a treasured item.

*Sarah P. Walshe
Danvers, Massachusetts*

Friends Found

LAST year, I sent in a notice searching for anyone who served at Dyersburg AAB, Tennessee, during World War II. When you printed my request in November, I received 30 replies. Thank you so much for locating these veterans for me. Our World War II heroes won't be around forever, so we must get them on video and paper for future generations.

*Tim L. Bivens
Dyersburg, Tennessee*

Ill-Timed Infamy

THE evening of Dec. 7, I was watching *60 Minutes* when they aired a feature about our mistreatment of Japanese citizens and their relocation after Pearl Harbor. There is no question, in hindsight, that it was unwarranted, illegal and cruel. But I didn't hear a word about the thousands of innocent lives that were lost in that sneak attack. This is a direct slap to the veterans who died that day. It appears to be another example of the media's attempt to make all the ills of

the world appear to be caused by the United States.

I'm not saying the feature was inaccurate, but to use it on the anniversary of that day of infamy seems completely out of place.

*Ralph E. Snider
Alta Loma, California*

I RETURNED to Pearl Harbor to view the *USS Arizona* memorial. My eyes were misty, as were those of many who made the Navy boat ride from shore to pay homage to the men who died. But that was not the case at the head of the line. There, some 30 Japanese tourists were laughing, talking and playing around. It was a shameful display, which ran much deeper than mere bad manners.

World War II ended over 50 years ago, and if time is supposed to heal the hard feelings and antagonisms that are a part of war, so be it. But there are some aspects that can never become laughing matters, especially over the grave of some of America's most honored dead.

*L. James Binder
Woodbridge, Virginia*

Form Letter

IN your December issue, Keith Schwink said that he was a Nagasaki radiation victim ("Lest We Forget"). I have a similar claim from Hiroshima. I was told there was no radiation in Japan by the time troops arrived in Japan. This was the position until 1979 when they sent me a letter much the same as the Desert Storm veterans are receiving.

One would think the same person wrote both.

*Richard L. Nash
Auburn, New York*

Hormone Surge

IN the January issue, Defense Secretary Cohen said sexual harassment/misconduct "is a leadership problem, and we're going to deal with it as such." It is not a leadership problem. It is a hormone problem.

Young males are loaded with testosterone, and when they get close to females, there is going to be trouble. The only known solution is physical separation. This problem has been with

us for the last 10,000 years. Why doesn't Cohen know this?

Donald Turney
Waterbury, Nebraska

No Mystery

THE December article, "We Have Been as Brothers," was a great story, sure to bring back memories. I don't, however, think Smith put the letter down and forgot it as Mrs. Hasty speculated.

We didn't have enough space to forget where we put a needle, and you don't forget where you put the only tribute you can give to your best friend. Our mail was censored. We were not allowed to write about dead or wounded comrades. Smith either decided not to send the letter because of this or he sent it, only to have it returned because of the forbidden disclosure.

If he thought of sending it later, when he got back to the states, he must have thought it would be best not to at that time. Thus he kept it. The mystery of "why" is clearly understood by anyone who ever had a military brother.

Tom Lewis
Tehachapi, California

How Do You Plead?

BASIC training is preparation for combat, for which most women just do not have the capability—no matter what female politicians say. I taught at a military junior college until my mid-60s.

It was quite a joke that the 18-year-old girls needed only two more push ups than I did to pass the fitness test. More to the point, there are no linewomen in the NFL, yet.

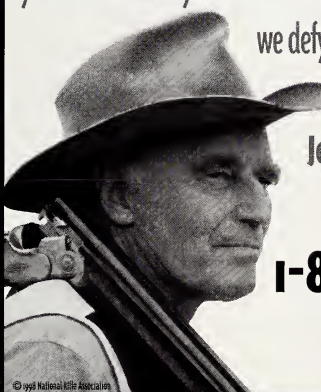
Louis Fay
Milledgeville, Georgia

THE following is typical of the lack of ethics in our present day "don't rock the boat" military. Two officers are attached to a naval vessel. One is consistent and fair with both men and women. The other flaunts his attention toward women, though he is married. The former is illegally relieved of his duties after a female officer refuses a direct order on the bridge, an action which hazards the vessel. He is transferred illegally and reports the injustice

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The second officer is warned, by two officers. Later that evening, the officers witness him having sexual intercourse with the enlisted woman. The officers report the offense, but no legal action is taken.

The above is not from the plot of a Tom Clancy novel. I am the first officer. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy talk a lot of core values but refuse to meet with me.

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SHOULD VETERANS' VOTING LAWS BE REVISED?

Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas)



YES Our military members put their lives on the line every day to defend this nation. They should not have to put their right to vote on the line also. Last year, some of our military men and women had that basic right questioned.

As unbelievable as it sounds, it is true. We must prevent this tragedy from repeating itself.

We must ensure that our military never again has this most fundamental constitutional right threatened.

Last year, a case which attempted to deny our military and their dependents the right to vote by absentee ballot was litigated in my congressional district.

Military voters were treated like criminals by the court, which demanded 24 pages of answers to questions accusing these patriots of voter fraud for exercising their constitutional rights.

One of my constituents put it well when he wrote: "I find the very nature of this intrusion into my life insulting both as a Texan and an American."

"I find it incredible that I and other military members are going to be denied the vote locally merely because we do not physically reside in Del Rio. It appears to me that we are being treated as second-class citizens and now stand to be denied the very rights we have sworn to die for."

It is inconceivable that such a case happened in the United States.

Although the Texas courts ultimately rejected this assault on our military's liberty, there remains no legal guarantee that their right to vote will not come under assault in another state's courtroom. I introduced legislation, **HR 699**, the Military Voting Rights Act, to ensure that our military never again finds their liberty under assault in a courthouse and never again undergoes the indignity of being treated as criminals. We owe our military no less. They deserve our thanks and gratitude, not this indignity.

The 1.5 million U.S. military personnel should be able to count on retaining the right to vote in the place they call home no matter where in the world they are protecting freedom.

Staying in one place has never been a prerequisite to vote. Making it one would deny our military the right to participate in the democratic process they defend. ☐

Rep. William M. Thomas (R-California)



NO The men and women who serve in America's armed forces deserve the full protection of their constitutional right to vote. I will fight to protect that right when and if it is threatened. But a new federal law that merely duplicates existing state laws is not necessary and risks

undermining other state protections against voter fraud.

The frivolous lawsuit challenging military voting rights, filed by the Texas Rural Legal Aid Program, was quickly thrown out by the Texas courts. Although some have advocated for a new federal law as a result, the Texas elections director stated that the proposed federal "military voting rights" language would have no effect in Texas because military voting rights are already fully guaranteed under state law.

The Congressional Research Service surveyed all 50 states to see if a federal law was necessary to improve any state procedures that now guarantee military voting rights. According to the survey, in every state, current law provides at least the protection the federal law would impose. A new law is simply not needed.

I was pleased to learn from Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Texas Republican, that the use of federal funds for lawsuits like the one filed by the Texas Rural Legal Aid Program is now illegal. What we really need is not more federal laws, but strict enforcement by the Clinton administration of existing prohibitions.

Why should the long arm of the federal government reach out and meddle in local election procedures if a new law won't solve any problems? Federal laws outline rules for federal elections, but federal laws to govern local elections would set new precedents. Only four years ago, misguided federal mandates abolished many local safeguards against voting by illegal aliens. Secretaries of state from around the country are asking Congress to give back the power to keep illegal voters and dead wood off the rolls. We need more local control to preserve the voting rights of honest citizens, not less.

Local control of local elections is a critical foundation for American self-government. There is no threat to military voting rights that justifies increased federal control over local elections. Full military voting rights and local control are both American traditions that must be upheld. ☐

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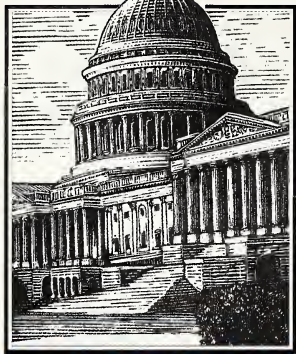
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By Cliff Kincaid

Global Governance

GLOBAL financial turmoil has forced Indonesia, Korea and others to seek bailouts from the U.S. taxpayer-supported International Monetary Fund (IMF), known in Washington as "The Fund." But less than two years earlier, IMF chief Michel Camdessus had said that Indonesia and Korea were examples of countries that follow policies advocated by The Fund and were attracting substantial amounts of private foreign investment.

The IMF's failure to anticipate Asia's financial problems is fueling demands for more scrutiny of the organization's internal operations. Going further, Brett D. Schaefer of The Heritage Foundation argues that The Fund is ineffective and that the United States ought to quit supporting it.

In its 53 years, the IMF has received almost \$47 billion from the United States.

Red Capitalist

DURING his trip to the United States, People's Republic of China President Jiang Zemin rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange. It turns out that 17 Chinese companies are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and hundreds more might seek financing in our securities markets in the coming decade.

Sen. Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina is sounding an alarm, suggesting

that our IRAs, mutual funds and pension funds could be underwriting Chinese military activities.

Faircloth, chairman of a Senate banking subcommittee, wants to create an Office of National Security at the Securities and Exchange Commission to monitor China's issuance of \$7 billion in bonds and its increasing involvement in U.S. securities markets.

At a hearing, Randolph Quon of the Potomac Foundation charged that manipulation by investors linked to China might have sparked the 500-point drop on Wall Street last October.

Quon, who once served as an adviser to the central bank of China, says, "The United States must encourage China to adopt a market economy, but we cannot allow market manipulation by Beijing and their chosen cronies."

Going Nuclear

THE U.S. Nuclear Energy Institute sees it as beneficial and lucrative. Arms expert Gary Milhollin sees it as a deadly mistake. They're referring to the recent U.S. decision to export nuclear power to communist China.

With eight nuclear plants under construction, and eight to 10 more plants to be built by 2010, China's program is the fastest growing in the world, institute officials point out. Until now, the Chinese have relied on the French, Canadians and Russians.

The danger, says Milhollin, is not China using our nuclear technology to make weapons. Rather, he tells THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, the problem is that "we lost an opportunity" to pressure China to stop shipping missiles and poison gas ingredients to Iran and Pakistan.

Milhollin, a law school professor who runs the Wisconsin Projection Nuclear Arms Control, says U.S. nuclear technology should have "come at a price"—guarantees that China will stop exporting such technology.

He points out that, courtesy of China, Iran already has 60 new anti-ship missiles, a threat to our ships and sailors in the Gulf, and a sophisticated air surveillance radar. "If the United States ever comes to blows with Iran," he says, "American pilots will have to contend with it."

News From New

HE was court-martialed for refusing an order to serve the United Nations, but the case of former Army Specialist Michael New isn't over yet. New's lawyer, Michael Farris, tells THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE that he wants the Supreme Court to take it up.

Insisting that the law, the Constitution and military regulations are on his side, Farris says he is confident New will win the case if it eventually gets decided on its merits. Until now, however, the civilian courts have let the military courts decide the issue—a course that could take years. The Army gave New a bad conduct discharge, finding that he disobeyed a direct order to put a U.N. patch on his uniform and report to a foreign commander.

In urging a Supreme Court review, Farris emphasized the stakes, saying, "This is not a case of a soldier refusing to peel potatoes." New is asking for an honorable discharge.

Cold War P.S.

THE controversy over U-2 photoreconnaissance flights over Iraq brought back memories for Francis Gary Powers Jr., son of the spy pilot shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960. His father was released after two years, in exchange for a Soviet spy, and had a poison pin in case he was tortured. His father was killed in a helicopter accident in 1977 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

But the son wants to keep his father's memory alive, especially now that the Cold War has been won by the United States. A display of memorabilia and artifacts from the U-2 incident, including that poison pin, were on display at CIA headquarters last year. But the May 1–Sept. 5 display at the U.S. Air Force museum in Dayton, Ohio, will be open to the public.

Powers hopes for a Cold War Museum, honoring all who contributed to the victory over communism. The concept has been endorsed by columnist Charles Krauthammer, who says, "The Cold War is the story of how, as soon as we disposed of one inhuman ideology, we turned to defeat another. And did, gloriously." □

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SLEEP DEPRIVATION CAN BE DANGEROUS

According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, sleep-deprived drivers are vulnerable to "micro-naps" lasting four or five seconds—plenty of time at highway speeds for a fatal crash to occur. Disrupted sleep and sleep disorders cost American businesses billions of dollars annually in lost productivity, industrial accidents and higher medical bills. Lack of sleep also was implicated in the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the space shuttle Challenger disaster and the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island.

Loss of sleep during the night is responsible for increased vulnerability to illness, a tendency to nod off at work the next day, and even loss of creativity and clarity of thinking, say British researchers. Power tools can become dangerous weapons in the hands of someone who is not well rested. And almost everyone is familiar with the physical aches and pains that occur because of poor quality sleep.

DO YOU NEED MORE SLEEP, OR JUST BETTER SLEEP?

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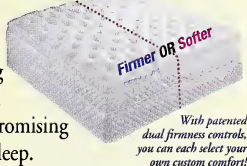


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The laser will make that faster, cheaper and safer, says Lorelli. But the new ordnance disposal system also will increase the service's need for troops who are adept with computers, "because that's essentially what the system is," he notes.

MONEY ORDERS

DIRECT deposit will be a direct order for most military troops and retirees in less than a year.

By law almost everyone who collects military pay will receive it by direct deposit after Jan. 2, 1999. However, anyone who still wants to get a paper check can do so by claiming it would be a hardship to receive an automatic electronic bank deposit.

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The federal government has required most federal workers to accept deposits since 1996 because it makes paying employees easier and cheaper.

HOSPITALS OFF HIT LIST

TO the budget planners, downsizing 41 military medical centers seemed like a good way to save money. But to the Pentagon's personnel chief, such radical surgery was worse than the fiscal anemia it was intended to cure.

The plan was to downgrade 35 hospitals to outpatient clinics and turn six major medical centers into community hospitals over the next five years. The estimated savings would have been \$23 million a year by 2003.

Forget it, says Rudy de Leon, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Downsizing so many hospitals would be "inconsistent" with the military's promise to continue providing its patients with an acceptable level of medical care.

Cutting the size and services of so many medical centers also would have substantially reduced access to care, especially for military dependents and retirees.

CARRYING SOME GREEN

ACKNOWLEDGING that sometimes little things mean a lot, the Defense Department has decided to issue

Reserve troops new, green identification cards—the same color ID cards issued to active-duty troops.

The new cards, which could begin arriving as early as June, are intended to promote greater unity among active and Reserve troops. At present, Reservists carry red identification cards, which many feel set them apart from their active-duty counterparts.

For now, only the card's color will change. Although green, the new cards will not entitle Reservists to all of the benefits green cards give active-duty troops, such as unlimited access to free medical care and full commissary privileges.

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IN THE NEWS

A DEFENSE readiness panel might call for more frequent dental and medical exams for reservists to ensure they are fit for combat....The services are experimenting with a hybrid electric and gas-powered Humvee that's faster and stealthier than today's conventionally fueled Humvee....Troops leaving the service and filing VA disability claims now need only a single physical exam instead of separate exams by the military and the VA....The Pentagon estimates it saved \$341,000 last fall by printing only 1,700 copies of its Defense Reform Task Force report at a cost of \$11,305, then posting it on the Internet, where thousands of people have downloaded copies. □

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Pensacola is recognized for its development of the Navy's aerial aces, aircraft and the military itself. "Before World War II, this is where cadets got their wings," says Donald Thomson, retired Navy aviator. The base also is the home of the Blue Angels.

Most everyone has dreamed of going on a screaming rocket ride as a passenger, or better yet, as a pilot with the Blue Angels. They have been performing their aerial acrobatics for the last 50 years. And if you're in the area on the first weekend of November, you'll be treated to a free homecoming air show.

The Blue Angels' celebrated return caps their season that runs from March to November. Spectators can nab a prime seat on the beach as the diamond and delta formations perform maneuvers over the Gulf.

The local IMAX Theatre is hornning in on the Angels act. Its show, *The Magic of Flight*, a film narrated by Tom Selleck, puts movie-goers into the cockpit of a F/A-18 Hornet. If the twisting, turning and diving on the seven-story high screen doesn't tweak your stomach at all, you might just have the right stuff to make it as a naval aviator.

From the theater, travelers can take a free tour of the National Museum of Naval Aviation, the third largest air and space museum in the world. Not only does the museum display more than 150 aircraft, it also has pilots as tour guides who color the visit with their personal tales of aircraft performance and handling characteristics.

Other sites of interest to veterans are the Civil War Soldiers Museum and the Wall South. The Soldiers Museum houses the South's largest collection of Civil War books, an impressive medical display and the Pensacola room, which focuses on the city's role during the war. The Wall, nestled in Veterans Memorial Park, is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It lists the names of the 58,204 men and women who lost their lives during the conflict.

Along with the indoor activities and memorials, Pensacola has an ample supply of outdoor

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PRESSURE NO, HISTORY YES

AH-H-H-H. A collective sigh seems to fill the air as you walk along the sugar-white beaches of Pensacola, Florida. Pale snowbirds sprawl camouflaged on towels, blankets, chaise longues, or for those who truly want to disappear, on the sand itself. The combined effect of the sun, the heat and the waves erases any trace of sun-deficiency syndrome and allows tourists to fall into a mild, soothing beach coma. Wake me when it's time for lunch.

While lying on the beach does have its merits (with the proper sun protection, of course), one would be remiss if no other sites were taken in during a stay in the "City of Five Flags."

Spain, France, England, the United States and the Confederacy all have laid claim to Pensacola. When the Spanish landed the second time in 1698 (the first landing was washed away by a hurricane), they built a fort along the

A noted vet once urged, "Once more unto the beach, dear friends."

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Let's blanket our communities with Old Glory and persuade the Senate to restore to citizens the right to protect the U.S. Flag.



LEADING A GLORIOUS CHARGE



WHEN I ponder The American Legion's long quest to secure a constitutional amendment to restore to citizens their right to protect Old Glory, I often recall a famous painting depicting an important moment in the history of our country. The painting is of Union Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, commander of the 20th Maine, leading his troops down the wooded Little Round Top at Gettysburg, turning back the final Confederate assault on that critical ground.

The painting shows Chamberlain, the quiet college professor-turned-regimental-warrior, waving his saber high and charging ahead. His face is a mask of gritty determination and his eyes blaze with the firm conviction that he must succeed or risk losing the stronghold—the end of the line between

Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and an unprotected Washington, D.C. At full gallop next to Chamberlain is a standard-bearer, his head tucked low against a hail of shot and shell, but the American flag he carries is hoisted high for his fellow troops to follow. The Maine boys carried the day because they persisted against heavy fire and were willing to accept nothing less than victory.

For nearly nine years, The American Legion has faced a heavy, steady barrage of fire from much of the media and others who oppose a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. The first shot was not

fired by us in this campaign; rather, by a slim majority of Supreme Court justices who in 1989 ruled that flag-burning was an appropriate form of free speech and therefore protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution. Like those men on Little Round Top, we have persisted and kept our eyes on the prize. We will never sound retreat.

The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion have not wavered from this demand to be heard, nor have the 25 million members represented by their organizations belonging to the Citizens Flag Alliance



**National Commander
Anthony G. Jordan**

(CFA). Poll after poll continues to demonstrate that a majority of Americans desire the right to determine if the flag should have constitutional protection.

I'm calling on you to draw your sabers, bear Old Glory and charge into your communities to enlist your neighbors in the *Show Your Colors, America!* campaign. The strategy is simple: to blanket your hometowns with American flags and other displays of patriotism to demonstrate to members of the U.S. Senate that their constituents believe Old Glory is more than just a piece of cloth. As I write this, a proposed flag-protection amendment is awaiting introduction in the Senate and is expected to spark fierce debate on Capitol Hill later this year.

As you recall, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the amendment last June (310-114).

I want every member of your family, your Post, your friends and neighbors and your community to hoist the U.S. Flag proudly on Memorial Day weekend and display it every day until Veterans Day 1998, a time span during which several patriotic holidays are observed.

Special *Show Your Colors, America!* promotional kits were mailed to all American Legion Posts and leaders of our family organizations weeks ago. By now, much of this information has been shared with you by your commanders. Just to summarize some of the information in the kits:

- Replace your worn U.S. Flag and encourage others to do so. The American Legion now offers at greatly reduced rates attractive 3- by 5-foot nylon, polyester and cotton flags for homes, classrooms and community displays. All flags offered are high quality and made in the U.S.A. For more information or to order, call American Legion National Emblem Sales at (888) 453-4466, or see the ad-

vertisement on page 8.

- Encourage local businesses and merchants to purchase and fly the American flag. Don't forget to contact the local chamber of commerce and merchants associations to participate.

- Ensure that schools in your community are able to show their colors. Every school should have a flagpole in front of the building. Work with school administrators, teachers and parent-teacher organizations. Provide replacement flag sets if needed.

- Distribute widely the doorknob hanger messages, flag stickers, public service announcements, display posters and informational brochures explaining *Show Your Colors, America!* and the flag-protection campaign. The kits mailed to Posts also include information on how to order billboard advertising to display in your communities.

- Present your neighbors and community leaders with special certificates of appreciation, recognizing their efforts to promote flag education and the amendment. To obtain certificates, write: The Citizens Flag Alliance Inc., P.O. Box 7197, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7197.

- Organize Memorial Day activities (this year's observance occurs May 25) either at your Post or a public site in your community. Invite local luminaries who support the flag amendment as keynote speakers. Don't shy away from inviting U.S. senators when they return to their home states during recesses (some senators will spend more time in their states in 1998 because this is an election year). Invite a House member who voted for the amendment last June. Plan similar events for Flag Day (June 14) and Independence Day observances.

- Ask for help from local groups such as Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis

clubs, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Masonic and Moose lodges, and Scout units to promote flag pride, education and the amendment.

For more information or to receive promotional kits, write: *Show Your Colors, America!*, P.O. Box 781108, Indianapolis, IN 46278-8108; or call (800) 424-FLAG.

As I alluded earlier, our aim always has been more than just securing constitutional protection of the U.S. Flag. There are a handful who believe that flag-burning and other similar actions are free speech. You and I know they are wrong and their knee-jerk justifications underscore something larger at play—that a majority of right-minded citizens should be forced to tolerate repugnant acts because a few believe there are no absolute rights or wrongs. Frankly, an “anything goes” atmosphere sounds a clunky death knell for our values and the ideals in which we believe.

A society forced to believe and accept everything is a society that will end up with nothing. This isn't the America envisioned by our founders. This isn't the America you and I inherited. This isn't the America we wish to bequeath to our children.

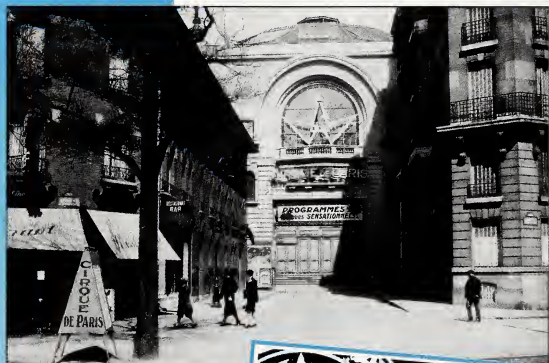
A few days before last summer's House vote on the amendment, I was walking the Capitol Hill grounds and saw a group of students preparing to tour the building. Typical kids, really, some bobbing their heads and listening to music over headphones. Some were clustered in small groups talking; many were clicking away at one another with disposable cameras. The Kodak moments ended when an adult guide approached the group. The students closed their mouths, opened their ears and minds to hear what the adult—a person they obviously respected—had to say.

As I continued my walk, it occurred to me that our campaign has been a quest to teach our children about our nation's rich history, the ideals symbolized by the flag and the duties of responsible citizenship. They learn best when they observe adults' actions.

Follow that flag, my fellow American Legion family members. Together, our volunteers will make the charge up Capitol Hill to persuade the Senate to do the right thing. Our persistence will prevail over the cynics. So, *Show Your Colors, America!* and we shall follow the path to victory in 1998. □



WHEN DOUGHBOYS' DREAMS DAWNED



RALLY POINT A thousand Doughboys thronged the Cirque de Paris in March of 1919 to help shape an organization that has helped millions. George Bentley (shown at the 1950 National Convention) is the sole surviving founder.



The vision
of the
Paris Caucus
lives on,
and so
does one
Legion
founder.

ONE hundred fifty people planned to attend George Washington Bentley's 100th birthday on Feb. 19. Mr. Bentley had long told his Legion friends a life of service was the best tribute he could offer to his buddies—the Founding Fathers of The American Legion. “I guess that’s a tribute. I’ll just have to keep on living, I suppose,” says the unflappable Bentley.

Of the estimated 1,000 attendees of the storied Paris Caucus, two remained as 1997 began to wane: Bentley, of Bloomington, Minnesota, and John T. Gable of Hartford City, Indiana. Sadly, Gable died on Oct. 13 at the age of 96. These two Founders have spent a combined 158 years (and counting) serving The American Legion.

“My favorite saying is, ‘How great it is to be an American,’” Gable once wrote in a letter. “‘But it is so much greater to be a good American.’” Gable, a member of Post 159, proved his patriotism by enlisting in the Navy and serving in World War I. With his tour of duty complete, fate in March of 1919 drew him to the Cirque de Paris gathering to discuss the creation of an organization for American veterans.

Gable was ordered by his commanding officer to drive him to the meetings in Paris. Not one to be an idle observer, Gable stepped forward (actually, he was nudged by his commanding officer) to offer his insight. When asked what the fledgling organization should be named, he recommended associating it with the American flag and the U.S. Constitution. Stepping back out of the spotlight, Gable was congratulated by his commanding officer with a hearty, “Well done, young man.”

Bentley was assigned to the Engineers Purchasing Office in France, where his duties included accompanying trainloads of equipment to their destinations. “Just to make sure they got there, I suppose,” he says of his mission.

Kept away from the fighting, Bentley did manage one peek at the front line. “That’s as close as I would ever want to get,” Bentley offers. “If I had been closer, I wouldn’t be telling you this story.”

Bentley sheepishly admits that fighting boredom drew him to the Paris Caucus. For five months after the war, Bentley and some friends ambled around Paris waiting for orders to return home. They passed the time by making occasional runs to the front to rummage for German army helmets, bayonets and rifles.

When word of the three-day session reached Bentley, he and his buddies eagerly joined the other officers and enlisted men. They listened to the raucous debates, which roughed out a constitution, agreed to disregard rank among the membership and provided the spark for what is today the world’s largest and most influential veterans’ organization.

Bentley, a member of Calhoun Post 231, has served as president of The Society of American Legion Founders, Ltd. and attended conventions until his health no longer allowed him to travel. Some of his fondest Legion memories come from his visits with schoolchildren. Every year, he’d visit a classroom and reminisce

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Close To HOME



That's the best part of the strongest trend in elder care: You get the help you need, and you keep your dignity.



By Julie A. Rhoad

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ALYS Hutchins's thick glasses do not filter out the twinkle in her eyes or distract from the joy in her face when she speaks of her full life. "Life is what you make it," says the lively 89-year-old as she recites from memory her favorite poem. "It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts, it's only 'Can you take it?' You are beaten to Earth; well, well that's that. Come up with a smiling face; it's no disgrace to be beaten...." Relaxing in front of a crackling, cozy fireplace, Alys practically sings the poem to life. Although unable to recall its origins, Alys says she modeled her life on its message of resilience.

Her conversation, peppered with insight and contagious humor, disguises the toll age is taking on her. Macular degeneration has stolen her ability to

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read and drive.

"Alys is not ready for a nursing home," says Dorothy Hutchins, Alys's overly protective stepdaughter. But Dorothy says her stepmother can no longer live alone because of her deteriorating eyesight. Dorothy says Alys needs an environment that will provide her with assistance while allowing her to maintain her independence.

This is why Dorothy brought Alys from her home in Massachusetts to live

near her in Alexandria, Virginia.

"I feel at home here," Alys says of the Sunrise assisted-living residence she now calls home. "It's very comfortable, and it has a lot of good features. I would rather live in my own home, but since I can't, I hope to stay here long-term."

Dorothy and Alys are not alone in their quest to find appropriate care. The Department of Health and Human Services pegs long-term care as a top do-



1 HOME SWEET HOME Alys Hutchins remains active and healthy in a Sunrise assisted-living facility.

2 ART CLASS Karrington in Indianapolis brings generations together with crafts.

3 ONE OF US Executive Director Maribeth Bersani says Sunrise strives to treat Myrtle Smith and all its residents like family.

4 GRAB SKY Meridian Oaks promotes wellness through exercise such as its "Reach to Improve" program.



mestic issue for the next 20 years. The number of people 85 and older is expected to jump 39.9 percent by 2000.

As America ages, the call for better long-term care options grows louder. The assisted-living industry for the elderly seems to be answering that call, and it is fast becoming the care of choice for elderly Americans.

ASSISTED living is popular because it is changing the way frail Americans age," says Paul Klaassen, credited by some as the father of the assisted-living movement. "I feel strongly about it because it is more than introducing a faster computer. This is about the quality of life for frail seniors for the last years of their lives."

Assisted living is housing that provides a happy medium between home-health care and nursing homes. The Assisted Living Federation of America, the industry's largest trade association, defines the industry as a combination of housing, supportive services, personalized assistance and health care tailored to the needs of individuals who need help with what the industry calls "activities of daily living," or ADLs.

Today, an estimated 6.5 million

BEST MEDICINE Mary Royer, a Meridian Oaks resident whose dementia can leave her troubled and anxious, responds happily to Tucker, official house dog.

Close To HOME

Americans need assistance with ADLs like bathing, eating and dressing, and that number is expected to double by 2020. These are the people assisted living targets. They do not need the around-the-clock medical attention provided by nursing homes. With assisted living, care is provided in an environment that fosters privacy, independence and dignity.

Assisted living hit the scene in the early 1980s with a handful of homes. Today, an estimated 30,000 facilities house roughly 700,000 Americans. The industry grows at an annual rate of 15 to 20 percent to meet demand.

The enormous growth is fueled by a variety of factors, including America's aging population; in or eight Americans is 65 or older. Also, the assisted-living philosophy of enhanced quality of life through wellness, in addition to Americans' desire to stay out of nursing homes, home-like living, available services and moderate costs combine to make assisted living an enticing package.

Another major factor in the indus-

try's success is Wall Street, says Karen Wayne, president of ALFA. "Now that Wall Street is more involved in the industry because of companies going public," says Wayne, "there are monies available, and the value of the industry is increasing dramatically. A Solomon Brothers analyst has valued the industry at \$12.5 billion now with an estimated growth to \$30 billion by the year 2000." *Fortune* also took notice; the magazine selected assisted living as one of the top four hot new industries.

Assisted living is fast becoming the care of choice for elderly Americans like Charlie Raker. Charlie, 83, relaxes with his feet up in his worn, black leather recliner. His room is decorated with black and white photographs of a younger Charlie and his wife, Thelma. Their 49-year marriage recently ended with her death. Watching closely is C.J., Charlie's 10-year-old cat. "He's my lover-boy," Charlie says of C.J., who looks like Morris from the 9-Lives commercials.



CHECKING UP Karrington's Kay Wheat-Dillon talks often with Dorothy Spitzberg and the 24 other residents.

Charlie lives in Meridian Oaks, an assisted living facility in Indianapolis; a World War II injury requires he walk with a cane. He needs assistance getting around, and Meridian Oaks provides that, and then some. "I am happy here," says Charlie. "I have the freedom to walk around and visit with friends. It's a good place for me."

Charlie is a typical assisted-living resident. The average resident is 83 and needs help with one to three ADLs.

Klaassen says assisted living actually enhances the lives of seniors by allowing residents like Charlie independence, dignity and choice, which he sees as essential to a healthy mind. Residents do not live under lock and key; they come and go as they please. Activities are held daily to stimulate the mind, and social gatherings allow residents much-needed interaction.

Klaassen was 23 in 1981 when he and his wife, Terry, quit their jobs, purchased an old, run-down nursing home and opened one of the first assisted-living facilities in the United States. Their goal was to move away from the institutional setting offered by nursing homes. They gutted the home, removed the fluorescent lighting, put in miles of carpet and wallpaper, hung art work on the walls and landscaped the grounds, making it look like a nice, even elegant, home. A home, Klaassen says, in which anyone would like to live.

That was the first Sunrise assisted-living facility. Today Sunrise has 61 facilities in 11 states, and it is an industry leader among assisted-living providers. Another leader is the hotel giant Marriott, which operates 90 facilities in 24 states.

The Klaassens based their first model on Dutch facilities Paul had seen as a boy, visiting his grandparents in Holland. "The facilities in Holland were built off a residential model," says Klaassen. "It opened my eyes to one important thing, and that is that there is nothing about care for frail seniors that requires a sterile environment. There is nothing about their care that requires fluorescent lights over their beds and tile floors. Too many seniors are placed in nursing homes who don't need to be there. We don't need to institutionalize people just because they have personal-care needs."

Indeed, America seems fed up with nursing home-type care, as evidenced by the 18 percent decline in the nursing-



LIONS IN WINTER
When Charlie Raker and his best friend, C.J., moved into Meridian Oaks, they brought their favorite chair.

home population since 1985. ALFA's Karen Wayne says some are turning to assisted living. "We will see someone who has transferred to an assisted-living facility from a nursing home; they will come in a wheelchair on 12 medications. In four months their ambulatory [assistance] needs and medications are cut in half. It is a dramatic philosophy of promoting wellness and health and well-being."

This philosophy works for 88-year-old Myrtle Smith, who was unhappy in a nursing home. "I wasn't satisfied with the lack of uplifting I was getting," she explains. "The home was full of sick people, and I'm not sick. I just can't see very well." Myrtle now lives in the Alexandria assisted-living facility. "I came here because I needed mental stimulation. Every day a member of the staff reads the newspaper aloud, and we discuss it. I am aware of what's going on in the world, and that gives me the mental stimulation I need."

What first attracts many to assisted living is the appearance. Facilities range from large, Victorian-style mansions to smaller 3-bedroom homes. The typical facility houses 50 to 100 residents in suites or apartments that adjoin common living areas; on the average, common areas command 43 percent of the square footage.

A stronger appeal comes from the services. Assisted living is a service-based industry with strong emphasis on social atmospheres. Typical services

include three meals a day, housekeeping, assistance with ADLs, 24-hour security, health maintenance and wellness programs, medication management and therapy services. Social and recreational activities, including exercise programs, wood shop, foreign language classes and afternoon devotions, are attractive bonuses.

Pets are fast becoming a feature of many assisted-living facilities. Tucker, a seven-year-old Sheltie, is the Meridian Oaks house dog. "I love you bushels," 94-year old resident Mary Royer says to Tucker as he licks her face.

Mary's body is strong for a 94-year-old. But dementia has made her forgetful and anxious. "Tucker helps de-escalate Mary," admissions coordinator Pamela Dunlap says of the dog, now Mary's best friend. "It's amazing. Mary might not recall her last meal, but she always remembers Tucker."

Walk into any assisted-living facility and you're likely to be greeted by Tuckers of various breeds and sizes. Pets are an important part of assisted living, says Dunlap, because they give residents something to care for. "The whole idea of assisted living is to provide quality of life at the end of the residents' lives. This is why pets are so important," Dunlap explains.

Another appeal is cost. Unlike nursing homes, which require a blanket fee, assisted-living residents pay only for

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An American Institution

UP to the "Mall," that tree-lined rectangular terrain of gentle hills, gardens and walkways. Abraham Lincoln sits placidly on his marble throne and gazes eastward, beyond famous landmarks such as the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, the Reflecting Pool, the towering Washington Monument, and up to the glistening dome that crowns the U.S. Capitol.

On any day, the paths and grass along the Mall are clogged with joggers, wandering homeless, Frisbee fanatics, hollow-eyed chaperones trying to corral scores of teen-aged tourists, federal workers on break, and politicians and business folks making and breaking deals over the cell phones screwed into the sides of their heads. And there are people carefully checking maps and planning their next stop.

Among the sites they will visit are buildings that contain rare and irreplaceable items, such as the *Spirit of St. Louis*, the Hope Diamond, portraits of every president, moon rocks, animal and plant species, art—everything from dinosaur bones to the easy chair from which Archie Bunker slumped, waved his stogie and counseled "Meathead" and the rest of America. These and countless other items are on display or stored at facilities maintained by the Smithsonian Institution.

"All of the vast collections we maintain belong to the American people, and they should understand this," says Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman, who heads a complex of 16 museums, galleries, the National Zoological Park, as well as scientific and cultural research facilities in 10 states and Panama. Heyman is the tenth secretary of the Institution, which was founded in 1846.

One of the most-visited Smithsonian sites is the National Air and Space Museum. It houses the *Spirit of St. Louis* that

In its 152-year history, our best-known museum complex has gathered millions of unique objects and rare relics. But in recent years, the Smithsonian also has collected criticism for its controversial handling of such exhibits as the Enola Gay.

Charles Lindbergh piloted in 1927 for the first solo flight across the Atlantic; it holds the tiny capsule in which Alan B. Shepard soared free from the surly bounds of earth to become the first American in space. And the museum also includes a 60-foot restored section of the fuselage of *Enola Gay*, the B-29 bomber that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and helped bring World War II to a close. The display includes a photo history of the development of the B-29 bomber and interviews with the *Enola Gay* crew.

But this display is quite different than originally envisioned by Air and Space Museum curators. What they came up with in their 1994 draft script resulted in harsh criticism from World War II veterans, historians and The American Legion, which, led by then-National Commander William

Detweiler and National Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Herman Harrington, entered into discussions with museum curators in an attempt to draft a more accurate script. As planned, the exhibit would have floated a dark cloud over Harry Truman's decision to use the atomic weapon and ignored matters of historical significance, such as Japan's expansion throughout the Pacific rim and the event that drew America into World War II—Pearl Harbor. After months of negotiations, the Legion called for cancellation of the exhibit when it became clear NASM curators weren't going to mount a historically accurate exhibition.

Heyman signed on as secretary in September 1994 at the height of the mushrooming debate over the *Enola Gay* exhibit. In a speech before the Commonwealth Club of California last August, Heyman conceded, "By the time I got to the Smithsonian, the game was lost, although I didn't realize it." A few months later that realization sank in, and Heyman spiked the proposed exhibit and personally took over. The new secretary also called for a management review at the National Air and Space Museum, and that, combined with

HIGHLIGHTS

I. Michael Heyman On...

Enola Gay: "[The exhibit] was flawed from a public relations sense. The original script, beyond any doubt, was not an adequate script, and it went through a number of drafts later."

What's new: "...the traveling exhibition started during our 150th anniversary year [1996]... My goal was to take the Smithsonian Institution to the nation—deliver it as much as possible to the doorsteps of Americans. Also, we have small exhibits that go to museums throughout the country on long-term loans."

COLLECTS COLLECTIONS
I. Michael Heyman plans to keep the Smithsonian on course. After taking over an institution whose credibility was being shredded by an ill-conceived exhibit on the atomic bombing of Japan, he junked the original concept and reorganized museum administration.



the brouhaha that had developed, led to the resignation of the museum's director, Dr. Martin Harwit, according to some observers.

Heyman, former chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley and counselor to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, spent time with Editor Joe Stuteville, reflecting on the *Enola Gay* controversy and other Smithsonian projects.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: What have been some of the significant changes you have directed or witnessed since becoming secretary of the Smithsonian three years ago?

SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY HEYMAN: I believe our web site, launched in 1995, is getting better, deeper and richer. We get about 10 million hits a month. We don't have



the technology yet that tells us how long Internet users visit our site, but I would hope they find the information interesting and useful.

The most major change has been to convince the Institution's regents that we need to get out on the road, as well as being in Washington. We have been doing this with the traveling exhibition, started during our 150th anniversary year [1996]. Many people who know of the Smithsonian came to our museums, say, years ago while on a whirlwind, high-school tour of Washington. My goal was to take the Smithsonian Institution to the nation—deliver it as much as possible to the doorsteps of Americans.

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Glacier-carved hills and valleys lead The American Legion Memorial Highway to the southern border of the Dakotas.

DAD has had the car out every day he can possibly get it out," Glenn Banker of Russell, Kansas, wrote in a letter to his sister dated Feb. 13, 1913. "You remember he said you would never catch him riding over 20 miles an hour, but he sure likes to cut the dust now. Just to show you we went over to Hoisington in an hour and one-half, 30 miles—going some, eh?"

Going some indeed. Banker's break-neck excursion took place on the road that, 47 years later,

would become U.S. 281, The American Legion Memorial Highway. Though the same trip on the smooth asphalt today takes 30 minutes, that love affair with the automobile and the rapture of lighting out for the open road remains unchanged. For the last 28 years, Legionnaires have had their own highway to get such kicks. Maybe then Nat King

By Layne Cameron

Photos by John E. Simon

Cole should have sung an American Legion version of *Route 66*.

Economics provided the impetus to pave and promote U.S. 281, with a secondary goal of having it serve as a memorial to the deceased veterans of all wars. As blue highways began stringing together small towns across the map, a realization surfaced that no

traffic means no business, and having a main highway avoid the city could mean certain death for main street.

In the mid-1930s, Texas Legionnaires successfully campaigned to name their section of 281 from Wichita Falls to Brownsville "The American Legion Memorial Highway." Years later, the Texans united and made an eco-

grass-roots effort earned approval from every Legion Department, every state legislative body and National Headquarters as well. On March 30, 1960, U.S. 281 was officially dedicated as The American Legion Memorial Highway. And in grand Legion fashion, caravans of Legionnaires, led by each of the state's commanders, descended upon Great Bend, Kansas, the designated central locale, for the grand opening ceremony.

The account was chronicled in the *Great Bend Daily Tribune*: "At 5 p.m., National Vice Commander Willard Brandt of Linton, North Dakota, smashed a decorated bottle of soda water on a standard that held both the U.S. 281 shield and a blue, white and gold Legion emblem. He christened the road with the comment, 'The American Legion is proud to have its emblem on this highway, honoring the work done by Legionnaires throughout the 40 years of the Legion's history.'"

The majority of cross-country epics (such as those about Route 66) start in the east and head west or vice-

versa. They describe the dramatic changes in the landscape and population beginning with a beachfront resort, to a mountain lodge, to a heartland farm, then finishing at a coastal harbor. Traveling The American Legion Memorial Highway, though, one notes the distinct absence of topography. In fact, the corridor's starkness remains constant, for the most part, from Manitoba to Mexico.

DISTANCES are marked by barrel-shaped bales of alfalfa and barbed wire fences. Expanses of farmland and prairie, punctuated by tiny towns (each with a cafe boasting the best pie or best hamburger), allow the mind to wander and imagine what stories lie ahead, nestled along the roadside. The highway might be scenically challenged, but it is certainly demographically gifted.

No sign at the port of entry welcomes

Assistant Editor Layne Cameron and John E. Simon, staff photographer, traveled down The American Legion Highway during the fall of 1997.



NORTHERN EXPOSURE As if on cue, a neighborly moose trots into the photographer's coverage at the International Peace Garden. The Legion highway begins at the park's gate.



SIGNMAKER Bud Murphy filled the need for road signage by having giant blue caps made, then peddled them himself; he still has some left.

nomic pact to promote travel along the highway. From this Texas association, the question arose, "Why limit our efforts just to our state?"

They envisioned a cross-country route through Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. Upon contacting the other states, they learned Nebraska had tentatively formed a similar association. The remaining states joined the effort, and in 1949 the National U.S. 281 Highway Association was formed. Its three main goals were to secure designation of 281 as The American Legion Memorial Highway, have the road completely hard-surfaced and increase

travel by promoting the highway as the shortest route from Canada to Mexico—1,888 miles.

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"Because of the wind, we really go through the flags."
— Robert Schultz executive director of the International Peace Garden



ANOTHER VETERAN This antique auto coped with conditions during the Legion Highway's pre-pavement era.

travelers to The American Legion Memorial Highway. Here along the world's longest unfortified boundary, moose offer salutatory glances and then wander easily across the 40-foot swath that runs from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Greetings come from the wind, which seems to push travelers through the checkpoint and into the International Peace Garden, a park that actually straddles the Canada-United States border. "Because of the wind, we really go through the flags," says Robert Schultz, executive director of the International

Peace Garden. "We can go through one a week."

THE Peace Garden was dedicated on July 14, 1932. An inscription on a cairn of native stones shares the garden's purpose: "We two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as man shall live, we will not take up arms against one another." Three hundred thousand flowers enhance the park's serenity and are divided into numerous, colorful displays from the floral clock and the



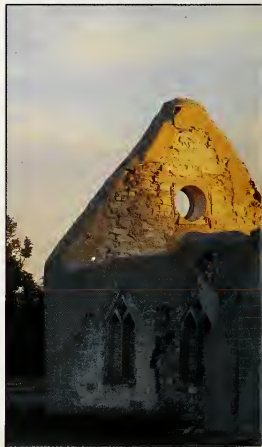
ON THE BORDER Rob Schultz, executive director of the International Peace Garden, strolls by the towers that have aisle seats on the boundary.

sunken garden to the formal and perennial gardens.

Upon closer inspection, visitors realize the garden is actually two separate parks. "Just to put a sign on the border," says Schultz, "requires two government's and their multiple agencies' approval." To avoid raveling double rolls of red tape, the park's architects use the border as a mirror. The Peace Tower, for example, consists of two, 120-foot monoliths, one built on U.S. soil. A clean break—the border—separates it from its twin in Canada.



LANDMARK Jamestown's icon is the world's largest statue of a buffalo.



The Peace Chapel is the exception to the rule. In fact, it's one of the few buildings in the world built on an international border. Marriage vows have been swapped here but serve only as a symbolic ceremony, since the exchange is not recognized by either country.

On the U.S. side, the Legion sponsors the Athletic Camp. The Royal Canadian Legion, that is. "The American Legion isn't a primary sponsor per se," says Don Heyes, chairman of Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Command. "But they have made donations to many different projects in the camp including \$2,500 to the camp's administrative office." (The Department of North Dakota is also charged with the arduous task of replacing the flags.)

The combined Legions' effort brings in more than 100 volunteer coaches to teach basketball, track and field, soccer, sailing, fishing and many other sports to 1,000 co-ed campers from both countries.

Fourteen miles from the garden, south-bound traffic finds the road's first town, the first Legion Post (Archie Jardine Post 185) and the first American Legion Memorial Highway sign. Outside of Dunseith, North Dakota, the distinctive marker is easy to spot—five feet wide, two feet high and shaped like an American Legion blue cap.

Curious travelers ask, "Why are the signs placed on the outskirts of towns?" The question perplexed even the most ardent Legionnaires, who could make only an educated guess.

They did, however, direct us to a man down the road a piece in Jamestown who did know—F.E. "Bud" Murphy, the father of the blue cap signs.

Leaving Dunseith, the home of the world's largest manmade turtle, we had plenty of time to make it to Jamestown by lunch. We would have made it, too, had our road not been buried.

NORTH Dakota still has not recovered wholly from last year's massive flooding. Simply put, in this slate-flat area there is no place for standing water to go. The new U.S. 281, north of Minnewaukan, is now a causeway between two lakes. The old road lies under 10 feet of gravel and dirt. Workers control traffic flow while pilot cars with "follow me" signs lead motorists, Moses-like, across the dike. Some believe the effort to be shortsighted. "Nobody wants the water," says road worker Marti Stephenson. "There's no outlet. All the rain, snow and the thaw.... It's not going to go down."

The grim forecast seems realistic. While spring offers hope to others, folks around Minnewaukan already are wondering how much higher the roads can be built, and how much more land will be lost to the growing lakes.

The highway's salvage problems came as news to Bud Murphy, Post 14 Legionnaire and past president of the International U.S. Highway 281 Association (contingents from Canada and Mexico are now members). And that news, due to our delay, was delivered

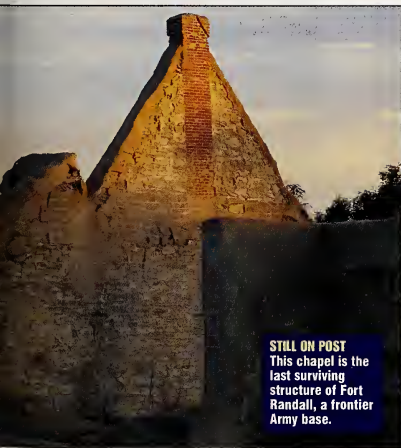
to him on a golf course instead of in a cafe. His car was easy enough to find. We just had to look for the wood-paneled station wagon with an American flag blanket, Old Glory thermos in the back seat and the "Bud" vanity plate.

Murphy is as much an icon in Jamestown as the world's largest buffalo, which looms over the south end of town. The car salesman knew him; the golf shop pro knew him and, once the pro found we were looking for Bud, lent us a golf cart to go after him. Bud offered this insight to his popularity: "I've been a volunteer fireman, an alderman, been married 63 years, been president of the country club—president of every damn thing in town."

A stroke has slowed him some, but not enough to keep him off the links. "I play golf four times a week with some old duffers," says Murphy, 87, indicating his companions, 71 and 75. After his round, Murphy explained the pattern of signs along the highway as we drove to his house. It seems the towns', not the states', highway departments, are in charge of upkeep. To further complicate matters, where there are no Posts, there are no signs.

And he should know. For 20 years ago Murphy came up with the idea for the signs, recruited fellow Post member and commercial artist Don Enge to design them and unsuccessfully solicited senators and the secretary of Transportation to construct them. Then, as a last resort, he drove the length of the highway peddling his creation.

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STILL ON POST
This chapel is the last surviving structure of Fort Randall, a frontier Army base.

South Dakota

Pheasant hunts by law are not allowed before noon. This late call allows everyone to sleep in.



A PHEASANT DAY Small towns in South Dakota reap monetary—as well as gourmet—bounty from the yearly pheasant season.

The High Price Of Rip-Offs

By Layne Cameron

A LUMBERING, monopolistic bureaucracy like Medicare simply is not nimble enough to keep up with a rapidly evolving industry that offers many different types of services, products and treatments," says the Citizens Against Government Waste's president, Thomas A.

Schatz.

Watchdogs such as the CAGW have been barking for changes in Medicare, the primary health-care provider for elderly and permanently disabled Americans since 1965. They believe the light being shed on exorbitant fraud is just a symptom of a larger problem. These recent scams serve as red flags to the relative ease with which Medicare's system can be bilked.

Investigators are making a showing by catching and, thanks to tougher legislation, convicting physicians, hospitals and health-care providers who are committing Medicare fraud.

A California ophthalmologist serves as a prime example of how a basic scheme works. During cataract surgery, Dr. Alan Robert Schankman of North Hollywood deliberately tied a patient's stitch too tight. Upon recovery, the patient harbored a touch of

Fraud and errors cost Medicare \$63 million a day and erode people's confidence in the system

astigmatism and complained of blurred vision. Schankman then scheduled a second operation—a simple outpatient procedure to remove the stitch. Unbeknown to the patient, Schankman then billed Medicare for a corneal transplant!

Dr. Schankman was convicted of 36 criminal charges, fined \$686,000 and served a 16-month prison sentence. He also was barred from receiving Medicare reimbursements for five years and subsequently sold his practice to another ophthalmologist.

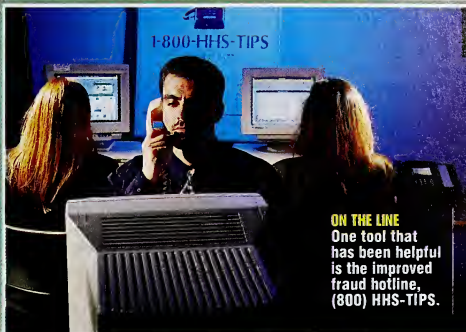
In another case in Michigan, Charles Quisenberry and his daughter, Jody Weiss, provided geriatric diapers

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MEDI-MAZE
It's a labyrinth of 38 million beneficiaries, 800 million annual claims, complex reimbursement rules and consumers who might not be alert to improper charges, unethical doctors or dummy companies.



ON THE LINE
One tool that has been helpful is the improved fraud hotline, (800) HHS-TIPS.

to incontinent adults. On the surface it sounds like a simple problem with an equally simple solution. The patient was satisfied and no questions were asked. And why should they?

Most patients are happy to be well and have their insurance pick up their bill—a bill so complicated, many times they just buzz down to the bottom line and sigh with relief when seeing a zero balance due. In the Michigan case, however, the adult diapers were billed to Medicare as incontinence products at a substantial markup.

QUISENBERRY'S complex scandal involved 40 different companies he and his daughter owned. Along with misrepresenting products, they billed for items that were not medically necessary, non-covered items and items that were not provided. To further cover their tracks, they intermixed the supplier numbers of their businesses or listed relatives or friends as principals. If Medicare suspended payment from one company, they transferred the bill to one of their newly created companies.

The Quisenberry's guilty plea placed both defendants in a federal prison for 57 months. In addition, Quisenberry forfeited \$12 million in assets, \$1 million in cash, a \$3-million home in Marco Island, Florida, and an antique auto collection.

Welcome to Medi-maze—a labyrinth of 38 million beneficiaries, 800 million annual claims, complex reimbursement rules, decentralized operations and consumers who might not be alert to improper charges. The complexity requires law-abiding businesses to hire consultants and attorneys to decipher billing allowances and avoid fraud charges from honest



PUMPING UP THE PRICE Inspector General Gibbs Brown and Dep. IG Jack Hartwig examine a lymphedema pump. One supplier was overpaid \$650,000 and was sued for mail fraud.

MediScare

businesses to hire consultants and attorneys to decipher billing allowances and avoid fraud charges from honest mistakes.

Others, however, scour the 45,000 pages of regulations seeking the loopholes that can net millions in payoffs.

Blatant fraud accounts for only part of the problem. Industry critics cite intense pressure to produce profits as forcing many hospitals to push the billing envelope. One investigation found 89 percent of hospitals nationwide were double-billing for inpatient care. Hospitals argue understandable error due to complex rules. Others, like Arthur Caplan, a medical ethicist in Pennsylvania, counter that hospitals are exchanging medical ethics for business ethics. "And in business," Caplan says, "pushing to the limit of profits is not considered a sin, it's considered a virtue."

June Gibbs Brown, Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General, cited during her testimony before the House Committee on Ways and Means that the combined effect of these improprieties siphon \$23 billion from Medicare coffers. That translates to a hefty \$63 million a day or 14 percent of the benefit payments. What's also eroding is people's belief in the system.

To slow the fraudulent payouts, as well as to mend the deteriorating doctor-patient relationship, President Bill Clinton initiated Operation Restore Trust in 1995. Also aiding the restoration process was the passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Ac-

countability Act in 1996.

This act gave HHS and the inspector general's office the resources to aggressively pursue Medicare fraud, while ORT served as a two-year program targeting anti-fraud and abusive practices in five states: California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Texas. The effort netted \$23 for every dollar spent, identified \$187 million in recoveries and settlements and has more than 200 cases still pending.

One of the highest profile cases involves Columbia/HCA—the largest investor-owned hospital in the United States. Columbia's CEO was ousted when three employees in Florida were indicted for fraud. Not satisfied with

the bone of resignation, investigators are continuing their case and are probing the entire company. The investigation could ultimately cost Columbia \$1 billion.

"Operation Restore Trust has shown us how to move faster and smarter in rooting out fraud and abuse in health care," said HHS Director Donna E. Shalala during congressional testimony. "This is a model that works. Now it's time to take what we've learned and use it broadly and aggressively." For the next two years ORT will be expanded to 12 more states with plans to apply certain techniques to every state.

One tool that has been added to the arsenal is the improved fraud hotline: (800) HHS-TIPS. "Medicare beneficiaries are the first line of defense in combating fraud and abuse," Gibbs Brown said. When the hotline was established, calls were left on a recorded answering machine. Today, calls from the states targeted by ORT could be answered by hotline operators. Ideally they'd like to have every call answered by an operator, but with more than 40,000 incoming calls since the hotline's inception, a recorder is needed to handle the overflow.

Expansion has meant new offices opened (there are now investigative offices in 31 states), more investigators hired and increases in the number of audits and inspections. However, thorough reviews of the program note that fraud is just a symptom of a larger problem. "Attacking fraud alone, although a laudable goal and the government's only bulwark against the

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ON THE SCENE Assistant Inspector General Bruno Varano stands in front of a bank where a man was arrested as he attempted to withdraw \$35,000. The account was set up to hold money generated from a stolen provider number.



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LEARNING RESPECT FOR OLD GLORY

TO BE USEFUL, productive citizens, America's young men and women must be taught to appreciate the past and learn from it. Students at an Indianapolis elementary school have a deeper appreciation of their country's flag thanks to a recent visit from veterans.



Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.

On the eve of Veterans Day 1997, a group of CFA volunteers conducted a flag-folding seminar and donated flag-related teaching materials to youngsters at the Hawthorne Elementary School on Indianapolis's east side. Schools are a logical location for flag education courses, and with a few phone calls, any civic group can work with local school principals to arrange a visit like the one made to Hawthorne Elementary.

Legionnaires Lee Harris, Bill Johnson and Richard Holmes gathered students near the principal's office for a course in "Flag-Folding 101." These veterans led each student through the folding procedure that ends with the flag shaped into a neat triangle.

"Not too many people outside the organization know The American Legion is synonymous with flag education," Harris says. "The Legion had a part in shaping the Flag Code, which explains why Legionnaires are naturals for educating young people about their flag."

In addition to flag protocol, the visitors taught a four-member student contingent the fine points of raising and lowering the flag, and donat-

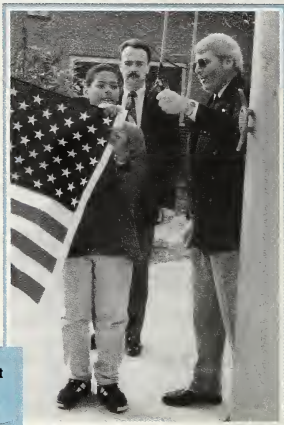
ed a few brand new flags to the school. The group also left behind educational materials—instructional comic books and videos—with Principal Phil Talbert, who vowed to pass them on to teachers to work into their history lesson plans.

Talbert, grateful for the gifts, told his visitors the school planned a special commemorative event the next day, Veterans Day, and all agreed the Legion contingent should make a return visit to the school near Veterans Day.

"Once you begin talking to the kids about the flag, it's

a great feeling to watch their faces when they begin to understand about the sacrifices made by America's veterans," Harris says.

Indeed, these students are learning to appreciate the past for what it means to life today, and their knowledge might ensure the same bright future for tomorrow's Americans. □



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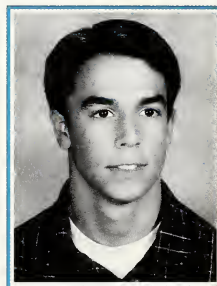
If the American people want their flag protected, young people must learn why their flag should be respected.

DEATH SPARKS ACTION BY LEGIONNAIRES

IT HAS BEEN SAID that when a person dies, he lives on in the memories of those he has touched. At 17 years old, a young man might have had yet to make an impression, but not in the case of Andrew Haverman.

In 1996, Andy drowned while attending Boys State in Iowa. Andy had impressed his fellow Boys Staters so much that they contributed more than \$1,400 to give to the Haverman family, says Darl K. Simpson, Iowa Boys State director and the man who had to make that heart-breaking call to inform Andy's mother of her son's death. Several Boys State representatives attended Andy's funeral, where Darl presented Gary Haverman, Andy's father, with the donation.

"Some way, we're gonna



ANDREW HAVERMAN

get this money back to Boys State," Gary recalls saying at that moment. When Simpson suggested a scholarship to Boys State in Andy's name, Gary knew that was just what the younger Haverman would have wanted.

So Gary went to Dedham Post 20 (where he now serves as commander) and broached the subject. "I wanted an on-

going scholarship, but knew that would be impossible with just \$1,400," Gary says. "So our Post decided to make up the difference to \$5,000. Now we generate enough interest to present roughly a \$250 scholarship each year."

Post 20 had offered four grants for locals, but now offers one open to anyone in the state in memory of Andy Haverman. That scholarship went to Wesley Skeffington of Dewitt, Iowa, in 1997. Commander Haverman presented the award himself at a ceremony last June that Simpson describes as "a very quiet event."

But lasting impressions are made through deeds, not words. The Legionnaires of Post 20 will be heard through their deeds. And Gary Haverman's pride and joy, Andy, who touched so many people in his all-too short life, will never be forgotten. □

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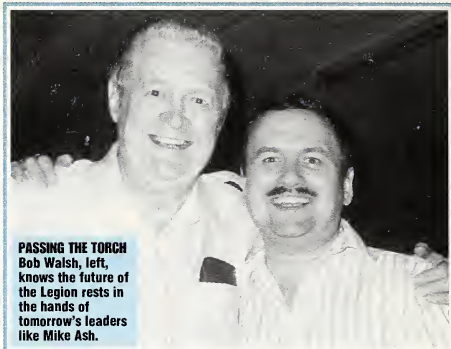
MASTERS OF MENTORING

MARK TWAIN once wrote, "Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education." Bob Walsh of Alamo Post 2, San Antonio, will tell you he is the higher education that transforms green cabbage into Legion cauliflower.

Walsh admits to hubris, but his 10-gallon determination is seconded only by his record of service: a career path that took him from bank runner to president and 53 years Legion experience, holding an office of some kind each of those years. Bob also tops the "Go Getters" list with 557 new members.

Walsh is just as energetic toward guiding other Legionnaires. One of his proteges is Mike Ash of St. Paul, Minnesota. "Bob always urged me to go one step farther than I thought I could," says Ash. "Bob saw something in me that I didn't see."

At first, Ash found that



PASSING THE TORCH
Bob Walsh, left, knows the future of the Legion rests in the hands of tomorrow's leaders like Mike Ash.

being on active duty kept him from totally immersing himself into the Alamo Post. He helped when he could by tending bar or setting up for dances and bingo nights. Walsh was usually working as well and saw Ash's potential for leadership.

"Mike is a good listener, outgoing, very adept at learning and he is not afraid to do the work," says Walsh. One of the first projects Walsh as-

signed to Ash was the Post's newsletter. Walsh handed over the reins allowing Ash to enjoy his own success and make his own mistakes, learning from both.

Ash moved up through Alamo's ranks and was elected Post commander in '92. During his term, Ash took active duty in the Gulf War. Soon thereafter, he retired and returned to his home state of Minnesota.

Ash's Legion legacy did not cease upon retirement. "I joined Post 406 [St. Paul, Minnesota] and was asked to fill a vacancy for second vice commander and the following year run for commander," says Ash. He is now Post commander as well as District vice commander.

Walsh believes Ash has the qualities to make a fine Department commander. If that were to happen, Ash would ensure his mentor was present to hear his acceptance speech. "To be in the audience when they announce the new Department commander, and it is someone you mentored," says Ash, "I couldn't think of a greater feeling." □

POST GIVES THE GIFT OF LIFE

AT INDIANA'S Fortville American Legion Post 391, Legionnaires are giving the gift of life.

"The Post has done so much for me," says Dannie Powell, a former Post 391 commander. "I really feel they are keeping me alive." Dannie speaks of his battle with cancer. Dannie's non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, an aggressive cancer of the lymph nodes, was in remission for seven years, returning three years ago. Doctors said his one chance was a bone marrow transplant.

"This is our only opportunity to save his life," says Susie, his wife.

But their insurance company refused to pay for Dannie's procedure, which will cost more than \$200,000.

The hospital needed \$15,000 to begin. Post 391 raised the down payment, and Dannie's transplant took place Dec. 3. He must return to the hospital every day for 100 days to make certain his body doesn't reject the marrow.

Post 391 members have placed donation cans throughout the community and sponsored a chili fundraiser. The Post has sponsored an all-day fundraiser netting \$11,000 according to Post fundraiser chairwoman Rita Goode.

"I am thankful for Post 391 and the entire community," says Susie. "Since they are taking care of the fundraising, it's allowing me to concentrate on my husband...because of the Legion, I can stay by his side."

Contributions can be sent to: P.O. Box 103, Fortville, IN 46040. □

TIME WARP



RICHARD R. QUATTRIN
INDIANA



JACK DRISCOLL
MEXICO

Two Department commanders were misidentified in the January issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. The men identified in photographs as Richard R. Quattrin (Indiana) and Jack Driscoll (Mexico), pictured above, were actually 1996-97 Commanders William G. Cline and Joe Paulsen, respectively. We apologize for the error and any problems it might have caused.



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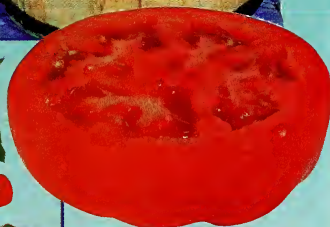
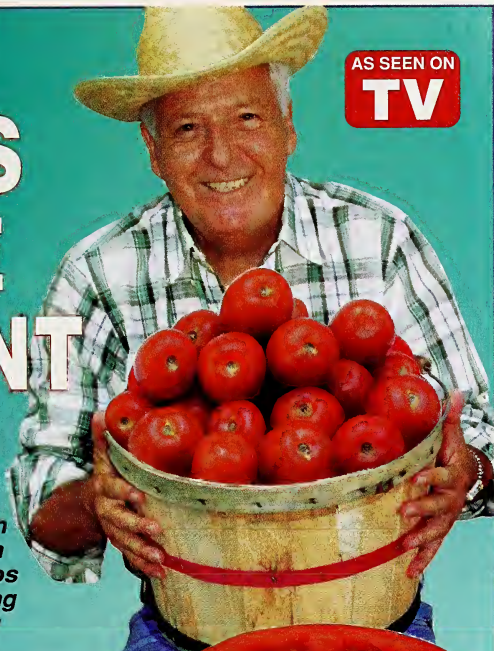
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 8th AF, 491st Bomb Grp (H) (WWII) #12412
 14th AF Assn "Flying Tigers" #11447
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 Tuskegee Airmen Inc (WWII) #10016

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 1st Mar Div, 1st Med Bn, C Co #22968
 1st Mar Div, 26th Rgt, 1st Bn (Khe Sanh, VN, 68) #17146
 1st Mar Div, 5th Rgt, 1st Bn, D Co (67-68) #30003
 1st Mar Div, 5th Rgt, 3rd Bn (Korea) #10031
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 2nd Mar Div, 2nd Mtr Trn Bn, 8 Co #17201
 2nd Mar Div, 8th Rgt, 3rd Bn (WWII) #22765
 3rd Amph Corps, 3rd Corps Sg Bn #17212
 3rd Mar Div, 3rd Rgt, 2nd Bn, G Co (VN, 66-69) #17146
 3rd Mar Div, 9th Rgt, 1st Bn, A Co (Dewey Canyon, 69) #17214
 3rd Mar Div, 9th Rgt, 3rd Bn, K Co #10732
 4th Mar Div, 4th Mar Eng, 8 Co #17115
 4th Mar Div, "Fighting 4th" (WWII) #17223
 4th Rgt (Corregidor/Atalan) #17130
 5th MarBn #21025
 5th Mar Div, 28th Rgt, 1st Bn, C Co (two Jima, 45) #22894
 6th Det Bn/Defenders of Midway Island (41-45) #17081

7th Mar Div, 20th Eng, 3rd Bn (WWII) #12089
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 Air Base Grp 24 #14325
 Barrage Balloon Grp, Sgdn 1-6 (incl schools, WWII) #14325
 8n, Landing Team 13 #22547
 Boot Camp, Parris Isl, PM 208 (48) #19677
 Boot Camp, Parris Isl, PM 281, 2nd Recruit Bn #21478
 Boot Camp, Parris Isl, PM 333 (43) #12086
 Gallups Island Radio Assn (regional) #13620
 Iwo Jima Reunion #15707
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 MAG-52 Serv Co (44-45) #11558
 Marine Barracks (NASS Whidbey Island, WA) #14326
 Marines-Vietnam Serv #19124
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 MCRD San Diego: PM 1048 (Nov 42) #14914
 MCRD San Diego: PM 1291 (Sep 66) #11446
 Mojave Desert Mar Assn: VMF-225/321/324/451/452/472/511-514 (42-59) #11714
 Mojave Desert Mar Assn: VMO-251/351-AWS-8/12/13-AWSR-1 (42-59) #11709
 Mojave Desert Mar Corps Assn: VMTB 132/134/144/151/454/133/622/823/624 #11727
 Mojave Desert Marines/AWS/Air Stp Grp (WWII) #19981
 MP Guard Det (Mojave Desert, WWII) #19980
 USMC Div Assn #18669
 USS Mississippi EAG-128 (47-53, Mar Det) #17236
 USS Wisconsin BB-56 (Mar Det, commissioning, 44-45) #18954
 VMF-31 #20380
 VMF-314 (WWII/Korea/VN/Gulf) #10088
 Mar Air Warn Sq 11 (Kume Shima) #17134
 VMF (N) 541 "Bateye Sq" #17165

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13th Nav Det CG Band, DCGO (43-45) #17060
 Carricklugh Lighthouse Mounted Beach Plt Sst #14307
 Hillcrest Barracks (Corpus Christi, TX) #13718
 House/Jeep Patrol: High Island, TX (41-45) #12019
 Loran Station: Palau/Caroline Is/Angeles Is (54-55) #22644
 LST-168 #10298
 LST-18 #10352
 LST-751 #12071
 LST-792 (WWII) #19427
 PF-71 New Bedford (Phil Frigate Assn) #10114
 USCG Atlantic Class, Class of 45 #19972
 USCGC Casco WAWP-370 (49-69) #12307
 USCGC Mendota W-69 #14311
 USCGC Seede W-402 (WWII) #12175
 USCGC Winnebago W/WPG-40/USCGC Chau-tauqua W-41 #17056
 USS Alwenton PF-52, Escort Div 33 (WWII) #17009

USS Bath PF-55 Assn #19168
 USS Casper PF-12 #10056
 USS Durant DE-389 (WWII) #10824
 USS Ramsden DE/BER-382 CGC WDE-482 #17008
 AGC Flagship Alliance: WAGC 31-37 #22470

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 Civilian Conservation Corps #1756 #12114
 Civilian Conservation Corps, Co 556 (all CCC vets) #17281
 Counter Measures Vets Assn #23492
 Defense Comm Agency (HQ & all units) #18697
 FIMF Korean Battlefield Corpsmen/Doctors/Chap-lains #23787
 Helicopter Crewmembers Assn (VN) #16523
 10 Jima Survivors Assn #14355
 Kentucky Order of Med Corpsmen & Combat Medics (all branches) #14788
 Korean War Vets Family Reunion #10017
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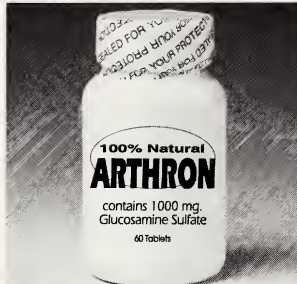
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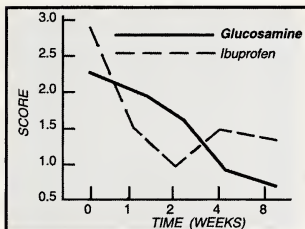
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Navy, PC 578 John N. Maier's names witness to verify he hurt back when he went overboard after ship received damage during a typhoon, stationed in Okinawa, Oct. 1945. CID #1386

Army, 5920 Port Co. (TC) Dewitt Phoenix needs witness to verify his right wrist underwent an operation following injury. He spent 10 days in the hospital tent camp, May 1945, Iwo Jima. CID #1386

TAPS

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Julius Winter, FRANCE, Dept. Historian (1926-27), Dept. Adjutant (1946-48), Dept. V. Cmdr. (1948), Dept. Cmdr. (1948-49).

John A. Reith, MO, Nat'l Vets. Pref. Comm. (1954-55, 1970-76), Nat'l Leg. Council (1976-80, 1989-90), Nat'l Americanism Council V. Chmn. (1976-81, 1982-85), Nat'l Americanism Commission (1981-83), Dept. Finance Chmn. (1957-58, 1970-71) Dept. Finance Officer (1972-88).

Larry E. Lahale, TX, Nat'l M&PA Comm. (1967-69, 1970-72), Nat'l Dist. Guests Comm. V. Chmn. (1971-74, 1978-84), Nat'l Foreign Relations Council V. Chmn. (1976-78), Nat'l Vets. Preference Comm. (1976-78), Nat'l Sec. Council V. Chmn. (1984-85), Dept. V. Cmdr. (1970-71), Dept. M&PA Comm. (1971-72), Dept. Cmdr. (1975-76).

Royal N. Sheltz, ME, Nat'l Inter Amer. Comm. (1963-65), Nat'l Sec. Council V. Chmn. (1965-66, 1977-78), Nat'l Sec. Council (1966-68), Nat'l Law & Order Comm. (1975-77), Nat'l Americanism Council (1977-80), Nat'l Dist. Guests Comm. V. Chmn. (1981-82), Dept. V. Cmdr. (1965-66), Dept. Cmdr. (1966-67), Dept. Law & Order Chmn. (1968-69, 1972-77), Dept. Counter Sub. Activities Chmn. (1975-78), Dept. Sec. Chmn. (1979-80).

Ruth B. Egan, DE, Nat'l M&PA Comm. (1963-54, 1961-63, 1964-66, 1981-82), Nat'l Education & Scholarship Comm. (1957-61), Nat'l Rehab. Commission Advisory Board (1964-67), Nat'l Child Welfare Commission Advisory Board (1966-70), Nat'l Vets. Pref. Comm. (1966-68), Nat'l Americanism Council (1966-68, 1973-80), Nat'l Dist. Guests Comm. (1966-74, 1976-80, 1982-83), Nat'l Commission on C&Y Advisory Board (1970-71), Dept. V. Cmdr. (1964-65), Dept. M&PA Chmn. (1964-65), Dept. Cmdr. (1965-66), Dept. Americanism Chmn. (1966-68), Dept. Education & Scholarship Chmn. (1968-70, 1973-78).

James J. Murphy, AZ, Nat'l M&PA Comm. (1960-61, 1962-64).

Nat'l Cemetery Comm. (1977-80), Dept. PR Chairman (1966-67), Dept. M&PA Chmn. (1966-67), Dept. Publications Chmn. (1967-68), Dept. Cmdr. (1970-71), Dept. Spirit of '76 Chmn. (1972-74), Dept. Anti-Subversive Activities Co-Chmn. (1972-74).

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All CVE sailors and airmen of WWII and Korean War eras. Contact: William Kraus, 18 Fourth Ave., Apt. 105, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Family members of the fatalities at Sloane Court, London, July 1944, due to a German V-1. Contact: Louis Baer, 7520 Orchard St., #29, Riverside, CA 92504. Anyone who was stationed or trained at Camp Wheeler, Ga., from February 1944 to February 1945. Contact: Alfred Lane, 9609 Quilocoosin Rd., Richmond, VA 23233.

Former members or patients of the 85th Field Hospital in England, France, Belgium and Germany during WWII. Contact: George Meharry, 5645 Crystal Bay W. Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168-9254.

Former members of Btry. C, 64th CAC Fort Shafter, Hawaii, 1937-40. Contact: George A. McCarty, 5608 Maui, Albany, CA 91705.

Anyone aboard the LST 471 on Monday, March 15, 1943, when the ship's company logbook was taken. I would like a copy. Contact: Lloyd Biomeke, Box 74, Morgan, MN 56266.

Navy personnel who served aboard the LCT 1342 and LCT 1351 in New Guinea and the Philippines, 1944-46. Contact: Francis Shinnam, 207 Anchor Ln., Chester, MD 21619.

Anyone from company 53-43 U.S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. Contact: John B. Crane, PO Box 52, Clermont, GA 30527-0052.

Members of Plt. A (1949) MCRD, Parris Island. Contact: Robert D. Harris, PO Box 272, Live Oak, FL 32064-0272.

Anyone who served with the 1st Bn. 35th AFM, Erlangen, West Germany, during the Vietnam era. Contact: Freddy Ramon, 903 Honey Run Rd., Blairstown, NJ 07825.

Anyone who was stationed or employed with the headquarters, Air Transport Command at Gravelly Point, Va. Aug. 1945 to Jan. 1949. Contact: Jim Martin, 8311 S. 74th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74133.

Allied flyers who bailed out over Eastern Serbia, Jan.-July 1944. Contact: HQ Joint Services SERE Agency, 9018 Black Rd, Suite 101, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5212.

Anyone who served in the 275th AFV Service Btry. Battle of the Bulge, WWII. Contact: Merle M. Norris, 18207 Organ Pipe Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373-1773.

Anyone who served with the Air Ground Aid Section in China or French Indochina during WWII. Also, downed airmen who were assisted by this organization. Contact: Bill Tribett, PO Box 3064, Fredericksburg, VA 22402.

Anyone who served in the 47th Inf. Co. K, 9th Div. from June 6, 1944, to Aug. 16, 1944, during the Battle of Normandy. Contact: Robert J. Singelstad, 403 Valerie Ln., North Mankato, MN 56007.

Former members of the MCB 4 stationed in Bermuda from June to Dec. 1955. Contact: Frank A. Litano, 4216 Chippewa Rd., Memphis, TN 38118.

Navy personnel serving aboard the USS Estes AGC-12 from 1955-57. Contact: George Joseph, 157 Sunny-side St., Manchester, NH 03103.

Anyone who served on the LCI 523 on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Contact: William M. McNeil, 74 Dugan Cr., Springfield, MA 01119-1904.

Anyone who was stationed with the 396th Transportation Co. Sheridan or Reese Kasernese, Augsburg, Germany, 1961-64. Contact: Joseph Russo, PO Box 316, North Pembroke, MA 02358.

U.S. Navy Advance Base members who were stationed at Johnston Island from 1942 until the end of WWII for commemorative plaque. Contact: Ted Humes, 4836 E. Moonlight Way, Paradise Valley, AZ 84263.

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Anyone connected with the USS St. Louis from Jan. 1917 to Jan. 1917. Contact: Grant E. Ager, C/O George C. Thorsen, 29 St. Albans St., Enosburg Falls, VT 05450.

Anyone who served with the 123rd Ord. Co. Mountain Training Center, 1942-43, Camp Hale, Colorado, and was transferred to Camp Carson, Colorado, in 1943. Contact: Kermit W. Moore, 2610 Broadway Ext., Parkersburg, WV 26101-6854.

Navy Reservists who served aboard the USS Daniel A. Joy, DE 585, in the Naval Reserve Fleet (9th Naval Dist. Chicago, Seattle 13th Naval Dist.) and its 1962 assignment to escort squadron eight of the Atlantic Fleet and exercises near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Contact: Bill Weir, 515 Pattie Ln., SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Anyone who served at the Army Phy Lam Signal Site (JCN) from 1966-72. Contact: W. Seater, 5162 Highland Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684, or e-mail howdy@aol.com.

Former members of the 443 Sig. Bn. Co. A, October 1942 to October 1945. Contact: Larry Burden, 12677 Esther St., Boron, CA 93516-1629.

CLOSE TO HOME

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the services they use. Costs vary with room size and the services a resident requires. Daily average fees range from a low of \$16 to a high of \$215, the average being \$71.59. Compared with skilled nursing homes—which average \$111 a day, and home health care averages of \$83 a visit—assisted living provides care people can afford.

Who picks up the tab? Assisted living is generally private pay, which means residents or their families get the bill. Dr. Robert Mollica of the National Academy for State Health Policy says this is due to the industry's infancy. "Assisted living is a relatively new option and states, because they have been under tremendous budget pressures, have been reluctant to add new services. I do think that over time more states will cover it."

Twenty-three states provide reimbursement for services through funding programs like Medicaid waivers. An individual's health insurance might also cover assisted living. Long-term care insurance is available and has seen expansive growth. From 1987 to 1994, the number of long-term care insurance policies purchased grew from 815,000 to 3,837,000.

Assisted living's rapid growth has piqued the interest of regulators. Assisted living is not federally regulated, which means regulations are up to states. States generally address staffing, facility design and required services, but each can determine its own policies.

A General Accounting Office report released in 1996 found state regulations to be vague. "Little is known about the effectiveness of the various state approaches to regulation and oversight," the report noted, "or about the extent of problems assisted-living residents may be experiencing." The report also reflected concern that the rapid growth of assisted living might outpace states' ability to monitor care.

Translation, says the AARP's Elizabeth Clemmer: Consumers must play watchdog.

"The AARP supports the philosophy of assisted living," says Clemmer, associate director of AARP's public policy institute. But she says that the reality can differ from state to state. Clemmer explains that in Oregon, for example, assisted-living residents have small apartments of at least 220 square feet and a private bathroom. In Maryland,

the minimum standards are 120 square feet for two people, with four people sharing a toilet and 10 sharing the bathroom down the hall. "The concern that AARP has is that people will tend to build toward minimums. Nursing homes have a payment structure that requires an enormous premium for a few square feet that you don't share. AARP's fear is that this will become the standard in assisted living."

But industry experts like the status quo. "We are not in favor of federal regulations," says ALFA's Wayne, "because federal regulations would become too restrictive and pose unnecessary hardships on facilities, ultimately over-regulating them like nursing homes. We are successful because we meet the needs of our consumers."

Ultimately, consumer caution is essential. Facilities have been closed due to poor, unsafe conditions. Consumers must do their homework. The Assisted Living Federation of America offers a free referral service. So, too, does the National Eldercare Locator Service, a feature of the federal government that offers nationwide referrals by calling (800) 677-1116. Most states offer local referrals through an area agency on aging. If a facility is good, the state office will know about it.

When selecting a facility, avoid the unlicensed, even if they claim to provide top-notch care. An unlicensed facility offers consumers no protection.

Most well-run facilities have safety features like emergency pull-cords in rooms and handrails along hallways. Other important safety features consumers should check for include smoke detectors and appropriate lighting.

Also, ask to see a contract before making a decision. It should detail everything from daily fees to when residents are permitted snacks. This binding document gives consumers a leg to stand on if a facility doesn't hold up its end of the bargain.

Potential residents should also monitor how staff interacts with the residents. A facility can be physically beautiful, but the caregivers make it a home.

One of the ways the caregivers at Sunrise in Alexandria make it special for Alys Hutchins is through family involvement. Family participation is encouraged, and her grandchildren visit often. "We recently had a family day and all the kids came," says Alys. "We had line-dancing and singing, and balloons were all over the place." The former Miss Newton, Massachusetts, of 1925 says having the family around is important to her. "It helps make *this* place feel like home." □

Are you over 55? "Look What Seniors Can Get Free!"

by Murry L. Broach - Staff Writer

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possible to the doorsteps of Americans.

Also, we have SITES [Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service], small exhibits that go to museums throughout the country on long-term loans. And we are exploring associational relationships with new and existing museums because the Smithsonian has so many objects and only a certain amount of room to display them in Washington. Some estimate that we display only about 2 percent of the 140 million objects we have. Why not share them with the public? I really like this program and want to expand it.

Q. Must be a logistical nightmare to put the Smithsonian on the road. What kinds of things can Americans see in the anniversary traveling exhibition?

A. It's a challenge, quite an arduous task that required a lot of planning and execution. We were careful to make a wide range of selections, packed them and sent them out by truck to 12 cities across the country. Many of the objects need to be disassembled to move, reassembled for display, and then disassembled again as the show moves on to the next site. Quite an undertaking, really, but I believe Americans will appreciate the treasures we've sent out, such as the *Vin Fiz*—the Wright brothers' plane that made the first transcontinental flight. [Visitors also can view the stovepipe hat Lincoln wore on the night he was gunned down at Ford's Theater, rare sculptures such as Rodin's headless *Walking Man*, Pat Nixon's 1969 inaugural gown and the ruby slippers that Dorothy clicked to find herself home from the Land of Oz].

Q. Do you have any special plans for large-scale events to coincide with the year 2000?

A. Well, yes. I've asked the directors of each of the museums to do something thematic about time. I think there will be exhibitions that in some way or another link into time. We don't have a large institutional exhibition planned, although we undoubtedly have some focus on the end of the millennium.

Q. You also are planning a new

facility, the National Museum of the American Indian, aren't you? Where does this stand?

A. That really is intended to be three specific facilities. The central museum will be on the Mall, which we have yet to break ground on. This is really a propitious moment because the Senate has included half of the construction money for in the budget [FY 1998] and the House hasn't put anything in yet. Both chambers will go into conference soon and hash this out. I'm confident we'll get the money from Congress and get started on this fairly soon.

Of the other two facilities, one is in Suitland, Maryland, which is under construction now, where artifacts will be collected and preserved. It's not really a place for public exhibits. There is a branch of the museum, the George Gustav Heye Center, in the Old Customs House in New York City, and that facility is already up and running.

Of course, another facility in the works is the new addition planned for the National Air and Space Museum, which we will locate at Dulles International Airport [west of Washington]. This site will be larger than the air museum on the Mall. This building will not be fully constructed while I am still secretary [laughs]—although it might. We have to raise about \$120 million in addition to the \$8 million in federal and in-kind assistance we are receiving from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Q. The National Air and Space Museum is the setting for a controversy you stepped into when you became secretary. Will the *Enola Gay* bomber be fully restored and put on display at the Dulles facility?

A. The plan is for it to be fully restored and located at Dulles. That is the intention, and I have no doubt it will be carried out.

Q. In 1994, a draft of the proposed *Enola Gay* exhibit was made public. I read it, as did others, and clearly the script seemed caustically critical of America for dropping the A-bomb on Japan; it ignored rabid Japanese imperialism and atrocities committed by its military; and it was mute on the Pearl Harbor bombing that drew America into World War II. Many—not just veterans but respected historians—viewed the planned exhibit as total distortion of the war in the Pacific. You eventually killed the script in January 1995 and personally took over the project.

I remember you saying at the time that the exhibit was "flawed from the beginning." How was it flawed?

A. I meant it was flawed from a public relations sense. The original script, beyond any doubt, was not an adequate script, and it went through a number of drafts later. Because this was such an emotional issue, I don't think people would have ever made the distinction between the original draft and whatever emerged as the final script. That was one of the reasons I wanted to make a clean break and proceed with a new exhibit.

Q. Did you do so because of pressure from the Legion, other veterans' groups and Capitol Hill?

A. Well, you know, I have thought about that a lot, and it's difficult to distinguish between pressure and information. I honestly came to the conclusion—given that so many people were disturbed by a show that was, in its initial stages, solely historical and analytical—that what was *not* a commemorative show *should be*. The error we made was that we went too deep into the analytical aspect when we should have been commemorating the end of a very tough war. Veterans were deeply affected by this war, and you can't ignore their feelings. If you're going to make a display for such an event it should be positive in nature. I think we went a long way to achieve this in the *Enola Gay* exhibit now on display at the museum.

Q. When you canceled the original *Enola Gay* exhibit, you also called for a management review of operations at the Air and Space Museum. Was this ever completed and what was the outcome?

A. It was done. As a result, we've had a major reorganization at the Air and Space Museum. The major criticism was that the museum management was not organized very well. A lot of people reported directly to the director [Martin Harwit] and that caused a lot of fragmentation within the museum.

Q. Sounds like there wasn't a workable chain-of-command in place.

A. Sort of, but I don't believe necessarily in a rigid chain-of-command in intellectual institutions such as the Smithsonian. But you do have to design a management system that brings people together so they can have constructive discussions and

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BLUE-CAP HIGHWAY

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He hoped to raise awareness of the little-known memorial highway and, of course, sell his wares during the two-week sales trip. He approached every Post along the way and asked them to buy two signs, to be placed at the highway's entrance and exit at each town. Most of the Posts supported the effort. Yet, sadly, there are some long stretches marked and recognized only as U.S. 281.

Short of putting up the signs himself, there is not much more Murphy didn't try during his 16-year presidency of the association. He did note, as we left the house that he had built himself, "I still have some signs left, if anyone wants to buy them." Always the salesman. [For those interested, contact Bud via Jamestown Post 14, 116 1st St. East, Jamestown, ND, 58401]

AS we crossed into South Dakota, the faces of Mount Rushmore didn't greet us, but the official state bird did. The Chinese ring-necked pheasant, introduced in 1898, marked our entry by strafing our car, foreshadowing our next destination. This non-native bird serves as Redfield's school mascot, as well as part of the banner of the town's newspaper. And in a strange show of reverence, South Dakota is one of the few states that hunts its state bird.

"I have been a Legionnaire for 40 years," says Edward Galvin of Clay Kizer Post 92. "But I've been a pheasant hunter 55 years." Redfield residents like Galvin acknowledge the symbolism of their state bird, but they appreciate the economic impact of this Chinese immigrant.

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks estimates \$55 million is generated from the nine-week season, with small rural communities receiving most of the money. "The smaller towns appreciate this because they don't have Mount Rushmore or the Black Hills in their back yard," says Mark Kayser, media relations coordinator in South Dakota's Department of Tourism.

Starting in mid-October, the influx of hunters into Redfield (the self-proclaimed pheasant capital of the world) is so great, local residents open their doors to absorb the overflow from the hotels. Holly Bottum, Galvin's daughter, looks forward to the annual arrival

of friends and acquaintances. "I grew up in a large family," Bottum explains. "So I like having everyone around."

Pheasant hunts by law are not allowed to begin before noon. The late call allows everyone to sleep in and gather for a large meal, adding to the day's social feel. Bottum's guests are roused for brunch with caramel rolls, eggs, sausage and pancakes.

From there, the hunting party makes its way to the field—farmland set aside as pheasant habitat. The government's Conservation Reserve Program pays farmers around \$45 an acre for their effort. Galvin owns 1,200 acres, 300 of which are CRP and planted with reed grass, wheat grass and switch grass. Volunteer outcrops of wild sunflowers and kosha weed also draw the eye. "That's about as much an acre as you could get growing on it," says Galvin. "With a helluva lot less expense."

The dogs leap from the truck beds with an energy level not easily restrained. "Yeller gets excited whenever he sees the gun," says Rob Schaunaman, as he adjusts his prosthetic leg, the result of a motorcycle accident. He prefers to hunt from his truck, which is legal with a special permit, and have Yeller retrieve the bounty.

That dedication to the hunt seems universal. For as we spread out across the field, Bottum expresses concern for her father who is recovering from triple-bypass surgery. Missing a hunt is not an option for either man. Concern is soon forgotten as our stomping stirs 40 birds. "That's a nice bunch," yells Schaunaman.

Had this visit happened in season, the subsequent jump would have produced a shower of shotgun pellets and a feast of Bacchic proportion. Since this was a mock hunt, the photographer was the only one to get off a shot.

Galvin and his daughter invited us for dinner and offered farm-fresh steaks in lieu of pheasant. However, Robert Frost's verse about many miles to go before one sleeps called us back to the road. But duty also forbids offering insult to a host; we compromised by staying for apple pie and ice cream.

THE Missouri River, near the Dakotas' southern border, brought scenic variety in the form of glorious valleys and hills. The sun was setting over Fort Randall Dam as we pulled into Anderson Marine. An impromptu gathering of Legionnaires held court, pulling longnecks from the Pepsi cooler and conversing about work, walleye fishing and the town's happenings. When asked about their stretch of Le-

gion Highway, shopkeeper and Pickstown Post 283 Legionnaire Jerry Anderson cracked, "It's asphalt."

After his brief monologue, Jerry drafted Fort Randall/Castle Post 282 Commander Almon Adam, to give us the tour. Adam pointed out that the crowd at the marina is merely Pickstown's subcommittee. Rosie's One Stop is where the real action happens. "All town's problems are solved at Rosie's," Adam says. "We even have our Legion meetings there."

We descended the bluff, crossed the dam and dived down a gravel road to see the remains of Fort Randall. The garrison's only identifiable building is the old church. One hundred years ago, two cyclones wreaked extensive damage to the chalk-rock structure, and lack of upkeep over the years also has taken a toll. Still, standing in the shadow of U.S. 281, the roofless, decrepit church enhances the gloaming tranquility.

That presence, that link to the past, is exactly what Adam wishes to preserve. "As it is, the church is crumbling and falling quite rapidly," says Adam. "I have written some senators, but don't get much encouragement." The church has endured a century of neglect. So Adam plans to continue his effort, believing if the church can withstand two tornadoes, it can wait out bureaucracy's breezy indifference.

We shook hands and went separate ways, once we reached the blackout, cutting the dust toward Nebraska, heading south with four states and a map case of stories to find. □

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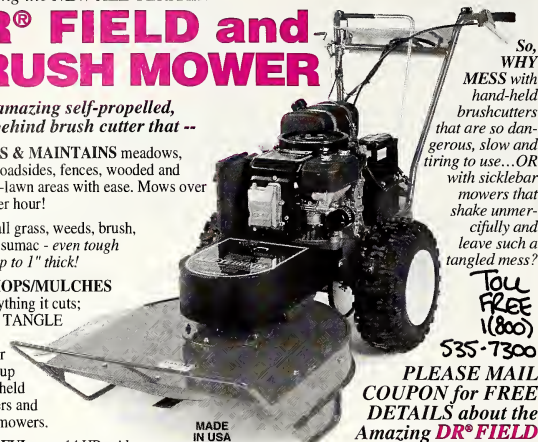
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MEDISCARE

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appalling abuses of the system, will never solve Medicare's problems entirely," says Schatz.

An independent audit by the inspector general of the Health Care Financing Administration found wide scope for reference. Its report offered 29 recommendations to improve HCFA, specifically Medicare billing practices. Auditors urged that stronger deterrents be put in place to reduce improper payments, directed contractors to maintain medical records that contain sufficient documentation, suggested developing a national error rate to focus corrective actions, proposed implementing an entity-wide security computer system, and recommended carefully monitoring survey responses to detect problems.

While some envision a few tweaks to adjust the system, others foresee a complete revamp. CAGW believes to eliminate fraud, the incentives to defraud must be reduced. Medicare should allow beneficiaries to choose their own private health-care insurance plans, encourage direct competition based on quality and cost and recast itself as a disseminator of patient-friendly information. Thus, policing fraud would fall also on private-sector providers.

According to their report, "The government would subsidize insurance purchases through individual premium allowances, at an amount set by the average price of competing plans keyed to a benchmark benefit package."

A convicted drug trafficker in Miami, Florida, looking for greener pastures, ran 25 dummy companies, billing Medicare \$4 million for oxygen and medical supplies that were never delivered. He justified his career change by informing investigators that "health-care fraud was less dangerous than dealing drugs."

Reform is necessary when criminals begin viewing Medicare fraud as a refuge from more "rigorous" pursuits. All sides agree on that. What's left to decide is the speed at which change should be implemented. Gibbs Brown suggests "proceeding cautiously," while Schatz stumps for health-care decisions to be taken from politicians and be placed in the hands of the beneficiaries. "This is the only way to assure less fraud and the highest-quality health care for current and future senior citizens." □

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decisions. You can't do that if 25 or more people are reporting directly to your museum director.

Q. Do you think public inclusion and commentary on exhibits being developed at the Smithsonian is helpful or hurtful?

A. I firmly believe when you're entering areas of controversy that you do need to hear the voices of others, both in terms of consultation and what the resulting exhibit will be. The major thing the museum world in general has to worry about with exhibitions that have political connotations—and practically everything seems to have a political emphasis these days—is that we don't allow ourselves to slip into political advocacy.

We should try to show different points of view. I feel very strongly about this, but I'm not sure that opinion is fully shared in the museum world. None of this is to say the Smithsonian will shy away from controversial subjects because to do so, all we would be doing is serving up porridge, and I don't think we want to do that. I don't think the public wants us to do that, either.

Q. Along those lines, you also were very critical of the Smithsonian exhibit, *Science in American Life*. The exhibit blamed science for everything from pollution to warfare.

A. I just didn't really think this exhibit showed enough about the positive side of what science has done for us. Smithsonian curators made some changes and I think it resulted in a more balanced exhibit.

Q. Last year, an article in the arts journal, *The New Criterion*, accused the Smithsonian of selling out to political correctness and all but pandering to revisionist historians. Did you read the article and....

A. Oh, yeah [laughs]. I read it.

Q. I take it, then, you didn't exactly agree with the article's conclusions?

A. The author of that article cherry-picked examples that fit her agenda and, in doing so, did the very same thing our museum curators were

accused of in the article—not to show a full picture. It was a very biased story. Let's just leave it at that.

Revisionism is not a dirty word. It's the name of the game in virtually every intellectual undertaking these days. There are new ways of looking at things as new data are discovered by historians. But I do believe public museums, those funded with taxpayers' money, are obligated to be more balanced in what they present compared to private museums.

Q. About 75 percent of your budget comes from taxpayers' dollars. Do you as secretary feel pressure from Capitol Hill to censor yourself from any possible displays or projects that might affect your funding?

A. Well, I better not ignore the people up there.

Q. Not with \$380 million a year at stake, I guess not.

A. Sure. I do have to keep this in mind, but I have an obligation to make sure that what we are putting forward in our museums is not getting censored. It's a delicate thing to achieve this balance, but that's my job as secretary. I take full responsibility for this.

Q. The Smithsonian is principally known for its museums and rare collections. What's the best-kept secret about the Institution?

A. That has got to be the depth of research that goes on with the Smithsonian.

I don't think most people know of our work in the field of astrophysics. We work with Harvard on this, and we have telescopes in Arizona and Hawaii. Our research has brought us together with NASA to work on instrumentation on satellites. The Smithsonian's Conservation Resource Center is located on 3,000 acres in Front Royal, Virginia, and this site is affiliated with the National Zoo. We help breed endangered animals for other zoos around the country and have helped rebuild wildlife populations.

Overall, what should be understood is that the Smithsonian Institution belongs to the people of the United States, and that the people should be proud of it and should visit their museums and facilities. The people also should understand that we're going to do things from time to time that they might not agree with, but that is one of the functions of the Smithsonian. We're an institution that is a very American institution. □

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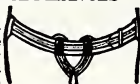
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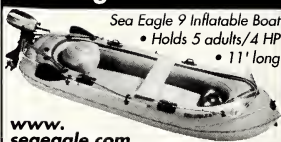


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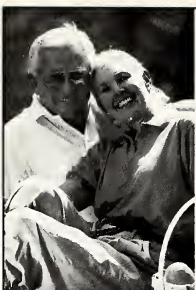
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